

“I Am the God Who Heals”

Message #7 in the series “Who Do You Say That I Am?”

John 4:39-53

REFLECTION QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

- Do I believe in miracles?
- Why does God heal some people and not others?
- Would seeing a miracle make me have more faith?
- Do I need miracles to help me have more faith?
- Do I believe in Jesus because of His miracles? Or do I believe in Jesus regardless of any miracles?
- When I’m hurting – or when someone I love is hurting – what does that do to my faith?
- Would I still love Jesus if He did not answer my prayer for healing?

OBSERVATIONS ON JOHN 4:39-53

1. John is pointing out the contrast between the faith of the Samaritans vs the faith of the Jews of Galilee
 - The Samaritans hear Jesus’ Word and believe
 - The Jews “demand signs and wonders”
 - The Samaritans’ faith response is _____
 - For the Jews of Galilee, the response us _____

2. Jesus stands in the chasm between _____ and _____.

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³⁹Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did." ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. ⁴¹And because of his words many more became believers. ⁴²They said to the woman, "We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world."

⁴³After the two days he left for Galilee... ⁴⁶Once more he visited Cana in Galilee, where he had turned the water into wine. And there was a certain royal official whose son lay sick at Capernaum. ⁴⁷When this man heard that Jesus had arrived in Galilee from Judea, he went to him and begged him to come and heal his son, who was close to death. ⁴⁸"Unless you people see miraculous signs and wonders," Jesus told him, "you will never believe." ⁴⁹The royal official said, "Sir, come down before my child dies." ⁵⁰Jesus replied, "You may go. Your son will live."

The man took Jesus at his word and departed. ⁵¹While he was still on the way, his servants met him with the news that his boy was living. ⁵²When he inquired as to the time when his son got better, they said to him, "The fever left him yesterday at the seventh hour." ⁵³Then the father realized that this was the exact time at which Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." So he and all his household believed.

FOR GROW GROUPS AND PERSONAL REFLECTION:

1. What stuck out most for you from today's message?
2. Who should you share this content with? When will you share it?
3. What one thing from today's message will you apply to your life this week?
4. Who is one person you might invite to come to church with you next week? How will you invite them?