

king's chapel

Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of January 3, 2016

This Week's Focus: All the signs and wonders and miracles that Jesus performs are for the sole purpose of calling us to believe and trust in him as the Son of God - and by believing in him, having eternal life in his name.

This Week's Text: John 4:43-54

"Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered him, saying, 'Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you.' But he answered them, 'An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.'" **Matthew 12:38-40**

Observations and Questions for Discussion:

- What are your general impressions about this week's sermon?
- According to verse 44, Jesus testified that a prophet has no honor in his hometown. Yet in verse 45, John writes that the Galileans welcomed Jesus. Is this a contradiction? Discuss the difference between coming to Jesus because he is advantageous and coming to Jesus because he is glorious.
- Who traveled several miles from Capernaum to Cana in Galilee to see Jesus? What did he want? Imagine his emotional state when he finds Jesus.
- What was Jesus' response to the official's request? How was Jesus' rebuke one of grace and mercy toward the Galilean miracle seekers? What was he telling them about signs and wonders? What was he telling them about himself?
- How did the man respond to Jesus' statement, "Go; your son will live"? What does this tell us about his faith? What does the outcome teach us about Jesus' spoken word?
- Wherein lies the real strength of genuine faith in Jesus Christ? What struggles are you currently facing? How is Jesus cultivating your faith in him through these struggles?

- How does this passage encourage you to declare and demonstrate the gospel in your community and spheres of influence?