

## **Digging Deeper: John 4:43–54**

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### **Day 1**

Read through and pray over John 4:43–54.

John 4:43–45 – After leaving Samaria, Jesus went to Galilee, where he grew up. At this time, the Galileans welcomed Jesus (v. 45). So why then did John note (v. 44) in Jesus' testimony that a prophet has no honor in his own town? Read Matthew 13:53–58, and Luke 4:16–30. The Galileans welcomed Jesus based on the miracles he performed in Jerusalem. They welcomed the Messiah's miracles, but did they welcome him as the Messiah? Are you praying and looking solely for miracles and sights? Consider and pray to yearn more for the "Miracle Worker" than for miracles.

### **Day 2**

John 4:46–47 – In Samaria, Jesus fills the eternal need of a Samaritan woman of questionable character. Here we see a man recognized as a royal official or nobleman with a need for Jesus. How do these contrasting individuals display our encompassing need for Jesus? Today take time to pray for ALL to know Jesus (family, friends, enemies, coworkers, bosses, CEOs...)

### **Day 3**

John 4:47–49 – When the nobleman heard that Jesus was in Galilee he went to him. The nobleman implored Jesus to come and heal his son. After Jesus responded seemingly to all the Galileans in attendance ("you people" v. 48), the nobleman again asked Jesus to come to his son's aid before he dies. How persistent was the nobleman in seeking Jesus? He heard, he went, he asked and he asked again! How diligent are you to go to Jesus with everything? Read Philippians 4:6. Pray for strength to consistently seek God in every situation with thanksgiving.

### **Day 4**

John 4:50–51 – Upon the nobleman's second request Jesus tells him to go, for his son lives. How does the man respond to Jesus? How does his response demonstrate his faith? Without any sight of the miracle or any physical demonstration the nobleman moved in accordance to his belief in Jesus. Read 2 Corinthians 5:7. How often do you respond to the Word (the Bible) of Jesus with actions that represent a life lived by faith and not by sight?

### **Day 5**

John 4:51–52 – Jesus performed many miracles accounted in the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Many people came to Jesus or were brought to Jesus to be healed. In this case, Jesus healed the son from a long distance away. How does this healing demonstrate the reach and healing power of Jesus? Is there anyone or anything beyond the reach of Jesus? Read 1 Timothy 2:3–4, 1 Timothy 1:15, Luke 19:10 and John 3:16–17.

**Day 6**

John 4:53–54 – As a result of nobleman's diligence and faith in Jesus, not only was his son healed but his whole household believed. Pray now for God's light to shine in you in such a way that your faith/walk reflects His glory so that your household and those around you would come to know Jesus.