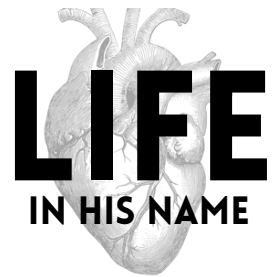


GROWTH GUIDE

Cultivating Faith in Christ | John 4:43-54

Week of 11/5/2023



SERMON OUTLINE

Big Idea: More important than the amount of my faith is the object of my faith.

- 1) Don't get caught up in the crowd. John 4:43-48
- 2) Don't get crippled by your crisis. John 4:47-49
- 3) We don't get casual with Christ's command. John 4:50-51
- 4) Don't get confused where your faith is centered. John 4:52-54

GROUP DISCUSSION

1) Looking back at the passage, what stood out to you, was helpful, or challenged you? What questions do you have?

2) How do personal crises or challenges affect our faith and trust in God?

3) What are some common ways people become casual or complacent in their faith and obedience to Christ? How can we develop a deeper commitment to following Christ's commands in our daily lives?

4) How do we get caught up in the crowd in our lives? What steps can we take to stay true to our faith convictions?

5) How can we help others understand the importance of the object of their faith, especially when they may be focused on religious rituals, traditions, or external appearances rather than a deep, personal relationship with Christ?

BREAKOUT DISCUSSION

1) Where are you currently serving? Where have you seen the Lord work through your serving?

2) Share briefly what led to the beginning of your faith. Compare and contrast that with what has grown your faith. Do you see a pattern or progression in your faith journey?

POINTS FOR PRAYER

- Focus on Christ in our faith, and in increase in that rightly-aligned faith.
- Protection from being swayed by the world, circumstances, or other popular objects of faith.
- Jesus I believe because... (John 4:48)

