

"It's a Journey" Group Study

Signs of Life: **Week 1**

Passage: John 4:46-54

Pastor Ryan Paulson

ICEBREAKER:

1. Describe your dream vacation.
2. What is your favorite faith journey in the Bible and why?

As a way to get into the study, try to remember the Sermon Outline from Sunday:

(In case you get stuck, click this link for the filled in outline: [It's a Journey - outline](#))

Faith is more than a _____, it's a journey of _____ in Jesus.

Level 1: Trust his _____.

Level 2: Trust his _____.

Level 3: Trust his _____.

_____ is a sign pointing to _____.



Discover the Way of Jesus

(Every week in these studies, we will ask questions about the Scriptures that try to help us Discover the unique Way of Jesus that is found in the text.)

3. Read Hebrews 11:6. Why is it impossible to please God without faith?
4. What did Jesus say to Thomas in John 20:29? Why are those who believe *without* seeing blessed?
5. Explain how faith comes by hearing and hearing from the Word of God (Romans 10:17).



Develop the Heart of Jesus

(This is the part of the study where we work on our own hearts. "How does my character need to grow and change because of this passage?")

6. In what area of your life are you struggling with lower levels of faith?

7. Ryan shared that faithlessness and the need to control often go hand in hand. Is there a situation where you need to get out of the way so God can work?
8. In what aspect of God's character are you lacking trust; in His goodness, in His faithfulness, in His justice, or in His grace?



Live on Mission with Jesus

(This is the part of the study that we ask, "What would God want us to do because of this passage?")

9. Share your favorite "faith" verse with your group. (If you don't have one, ask your group to help you find one)! Write it out on an index card to commit it to memory.
10. Spend some time praying these verses into each other's lives.

Church Announcements & Info:

All Church Beach Day!

Wednesday, July 5, at Oceanside Harbor near lifeguard tower #16. We'll enjoy a BBQ dinner at 6pm and a time of prayer and worship at 7pm (and baptisms for anyone who wishes to be baptized).

VBS Volunteers & Snack Donations

→ Needed by Sunday, July 9 for our VBS week (July 17-21)

We're still seeking volunteers for our Camp Kilimanjaro week of VBS from July 17-21. Sign up to help be a small group leader or other role. Also, many snack donations are needed. Click this link for more details: <https://www.efcc.org/event/faithkids-vbs/>