

WEEK 2: CHANGING AN OFFICIAL'S HEART

John 4:46-54

1. JESUS GOES TO UNWORTHY PEOPLE
2. JESUS GIVES UNWORTHY PEOPLE WHAT THEY DON'T DESERVE
3. JESUS TRANSFORMS UNWORTHY PEOPLE INTO HIS PEOPLE

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What part of this week's teaching stood out to you the most? Why?
2. No one likes feeling used by other people. But, in John 4, we see that Jesus still went to the people in Galilee even though He knew they just wanted stuff from Him. How do you feel when someone uses you? What does it show you about Jesus that He still went to Galilee?
3. What are some ways you can relate to the royal official from the story in John 4?
4. The royal official's heart was transformed by Jesus' radical display of undeserved kindness. How might this example help shape the way we interact with people even when we think there is something about them that needs to change? Do you have any examples of times when you have tried to help someone change? How did it go?
5. Jesus gives unworthy people what they don't deserve. This is grace: getting something you did not earn and have no right to receive. Has anyone ever shown you grace like this? Is there any way we can get better at extending grace to our family, friends, spouses, kids, strangers, etc.?
6. A common idea in the world today is that Christianity says "basically the same thing" as all the world religions. The way Jesus treats the royal official in John 4 helps show us otherwise. Pastor Ryan read a quote from Napoleon this week where he stated that the distance between Christianity and other religions is "infinity". How would you explain the difference between Christianity and religion?
7. Was there anything you heard about Jesus this week that was particularly surprising or encouraging to you?