

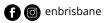
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## **► PRAYER**

Loving Father, thank you for the opportunities that you give us to share your loving kindness with those around us. Thank you for the power and authority in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, in whom we can declare and pray for those in need. May you be glorified in every moment of our lives in the name of Jesus Christ I pray, Amen.

## WARM UP (OPTIONAL)

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If you were going to take a trip, would you travel by plane, train, boat, or car? Why?



<sup>46</sup> So he came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had made the water wine. And at Capernaum there was an official whose son was ill. <sup>47</sup> When this man heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went to him and asked him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. <sup>48</sup> So Jesus said to him, "Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe." <sup>49</sup> The official said to him, "Sir, come down before my child dies." <sup>50</sup> Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way. <sup>51</sup> As he was going down, his servants met him and told him that his son was recovering. <sup>52</sup> So he asked them the hour when he began to get better, and they said to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him." <sup>53</sup> The father knew that was the hour when Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." And he himself believed, and all his household. <sup>54</sup> This was now the second sign that Jesus did when he had come from Judea to Galilee.

**IOHN 4:46-54** 

For John, these signs are not the main event, but rather they are all signs pointing to someone greater: a reality more important for the original hearers and readers. John has deliberately chosen these seven signs out of many others so that we might believe in Jesus (John 20: 30–31). Jesus is more than just a miracle worker, but rather he is the Son of God.

## **■** GUIDE QUESTIONS

(NUMBERED ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF DEPTH AND READINESS TO SHARE)

- 1. On a scale from 1-10 (1 = never; 10 = always), how would you rate your ability to give someone credit for the good work they have done? Why have you rated yourself this way?
- 2. It says in v. 46 that he came "again" to Cana in Galilee. When was the previous time that Jesus and his disciples were in Cana? What was the occasion, what happened there, and what was the outcome of that situation? (Hint: see John 2).
- 3. Mary brought the problem to Jesus. Are you bold enough to bring your problems before Jesus? Why or why not?
- 4. The obedience shown by the servants who filled the waterpots with water and then distributed some to the master of the feast was amazing. This displayed a posture of submission. What thoughts could have been going through the heads of these servants? Why are we filling these pots with water? Are we are going to be serving water at a wedding? Sometimes we must obey before we understand. Where is God calling for obedience in your own life?

If you are not yet a follower of Jesus, would you choose today to trust him? Will you enable him to have all authority as the one who calls the shots in your life? Would you like to enter into a saving relationship with God through Jesus? Ask your Life Group leader to lead you in prayer to receive Christ. You can pray this prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe you died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite you to be the master of my life. I want to trust and follow you as my Lord and Saviour. I declare that I am yours, and you are mine. In Jesus' name, Amen.

