

The Result (vv. 50b-53)

- Jesus _____ on all of His promises

- Jesus gives _____

The Final Point (v. 54)

- Jesus is planning an eternal _____ & invites us to _____

NEXT STEPS:

Take a few minutes this week to think about your heart's response to Jesus. How might you cultivate a more responsive heart towards Jesus so that you grow in connection with Him, enjoy Him, and shine Him in this world? Write down your thoughts and pray for God to accomplish His desire in your heart.

NEXT WEEK: Jesus and the Healing of the Paralytic | John 5:1-17

Jesus polarizes people in today's world—yet He is the only One who gives new life. Today's passage invites us to believe in Jesus, grow in deeper connection with Him, and share Him with others.

Big Picture:

The Backdrop (vv. 43-45)

- Jesus is concerned with our heart's _____ to Him

The Situation (vv. 46-47)

- Jesus _____ is the answer

Jesus' Response (vv. 48-50a)

- Jesus elicits _____

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OPEN IN PRAYER *(approximately 10 minutes)*

Please pray for:

- Marriages, Families, and Relationships within our church family.
- The crisis in Ukraine.
- The gospel going out in SLO county.

CONNECT *(ask these questions to check-in with your group)*

The Gospel of John highlights various responses to Jesus in His day — discuss the type of responses to Jesus you see in today's world.

DISCUSS *(use some of these questions to process God's Word together)*

1. Glance at the passage and notes from this week's message (John 4:43-54). What were some of your biggest take-aways? Share with each other what the Holy Spirit is teaching you.
2. Do you believe that Jesus cares about your heart's response to him? What sort of response do you think honors Jesus? Discuss.

3. What are some practical steps you can take to cultivate a responsive heart to Jesus?

4. In his Gospel, John clearly connects the story in this week's passage (4:46-53, see especially the first and last verses) with the miracle Jesus did at the wedding in Cana (2:1-11, see especially v. 11). What message about Jesus is John trying to convey? What is the significance?

5. Verse 53 shows the moment the official placed his trust in Jesus and states that his whole household believed in Jesus as well. Read this part of the verse aloud, then take a few moments to ponder and pray over the verse. Next, discuss the importance and implications of this verse. What is Jesus calling his followers to? How might we participate in what He's doing?

PRAY *(use these prompts to pray in response to God's Word)*

- Pray that God would cultivate in us hearts that are receptive and responsive to Him.
- Pray for faithfulness in practices that might strengthen your connection with Jesus.
- Pray for 3-5 specific people you know that don't yet know Jesus. Pray for opportunity to share Jesus with them and pray that God would open their heart to the good news of Jesus.