**TAKE JESUS AT HIS WORD**

John 4:43-54

Key Verse 4:50 “Jesus replied, ‘You may go. Your son will live.’ The man took Jesus at his word and departed.”

1. Review John 2:23-25 and Mark 6:4-6. Why was Jesus not so pleased with the Galilean welcome?

2. What had happened previously in Cana? Who came to see Jesus, and what request did he make of Jesus? (46-47) How did Jesus express his disappointment with Galileans’ faith? (48) Contrast this with the Samaritans’ faith in his words? (41-42)

3. How did the official persist in spite of Jesus’ seeming refusal? (49) How did he show his faith in Jesus’ word? (50)

4. When the royal official learned that his son was living, what was his initial response? (52) What effect did this have on him? (51-53)

5. Think about how the royal official’s faith grew from believing that Jesus would heal his son to belief in Jesus as the Messiah. How can our faith grow in the same way?