

**DISCOVERING LIFE TOGETHER SERIES: THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**  
**REAL FAITH EXPLORED – JOHN 4:46-54**

**NOTES:**

**Questions for Community Groups and Individual Bible Study:**

**For Starters:** How would you describe faith? Is faith a journey, a moment, a destination? What have been some important markers in your walk of faith?

**The Basics:** Read John 4:46-54. What is the key verse? The official “believed” twice (4:50, 53). What does this mean? What else stands out to you and why?

**Quick Fire Round John 4:46-54:**

- Why do you think the official came to Jesus seeking healing for his son? What does Jesus mean in verse 48? Describe and discuss the terms *easy believism* and *conditional faith*.
- Read John 4:49-52. What does it say about the official that he took Jesus at His Word? How does this challenge the idea that *seeing is believing*? When have you had to take Jesus at His Word and how did this grow your faith?
- Read John 4:53-54. The official believed. Is this different to his belief in verse 50? Is there a difference between believing about Jesus and believing *in Jesus*? The official came for one healing but left with much more. What does this mean to you and why?
- Read Hebrews 11:1, Galatians 2:8-10, Romans 10:8-13, 1 John 2:1-11 and Galatians 5:16-25. What are some vital steps in real faith and where are you in your faith journey?
- Read Mark 4:1-20. How does Jesus describe faith in the Parable of the Sower? Discuss each kind of person and varying soils in relation to real faith.

**The challenge:** Read John 20:30-31. What is the purpose and goal of genuine faith? Does this challenge your view on what faith and belief in Jesus is? How does genuine faith reduce worry, release control and make a difference not only in our lives but in the lives of others?

**Memorize** Hebrews 11:1

**Prayer:** Father, help me to walk by faith not by sight. I choose to trust you and take you at your word. Help me to live to make a difference in others’ lives. Amen.

**Resources:** <https://www.cru.org/content/dam/cru/train-and-grow/bible-studies/no-one-understands-jesus-study.pdf>; Bible Speaks Today – The Message of John; Bruce Milne; Exploring the Gospels.