



SERMON GUIDE

## YOUR SON WILL LIVE

John 4:43-54

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The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Friday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

**S**cripture that stands out to you while you read

**O**bservations about the verse or phrases that stood out to you

**A**pplication that connect the verses to your real life and relationships

**P**rayers that invites God to participate in your life and provide power to follow him

### Conversation Questions

**Getting to Know Me:** Have you ever been surprised by unexpected evidence or proof of something you didn't believe? How did that experience affect your perspective and what did you learn?

### Read John 4:43-54

- S** What verses, phrases, words, or feelings stand out to you as you read this text? Is anything "illuminated," surprising, or jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?
- O** Why did the Galileans receive Jesus so enthusiastically (v.45)? How is this similar or different from the way the Samaritans received him (4:39-42)?
- O** Why do you think that Jesus responds to the officials request the way that he does (v.48)?
  - What is on the official's mind when he comes to Jesus?
  - What seems to be on Jesus' mind?
- O** Jesus rebukes faith that is dependent on continual signs and wonders (v.48). What do you think the role of signs and wonders is meant to play in faith in Jesus?
- O** Verse 50 says that the official believed "the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way." Then verse 53 says that "he himself believed, and all his household." Do you think there is a change in the father's belief between verses 50 and 53? Why or why not?
- A** What is John teaching about faith and belief in Jesus? What do you think his point is?
- A** If God had written this passage just for you, what words, phrases or ideas would he have underlined specifically for you? What did you need to hear most? Why?
- A** As you consider what faith in Jesus looks like and how it's demonstrated, are there any circumstances or relationships in your life you feel challenged or convicted about?
- A** As you consider what faith in Jesus looks like and how it's demonstrated, are there any circumstances or relationships in your life you feel encouraged or comforted about?
- A** How can these things impact your relationship with Jesus this week?
- P** Talk to God about your application responses above. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction that you need.