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SMALL GROUPS

FOR THE GOSPEL
ROMANS 1:16

Journey to the Cross: Jesus has the Power to Save

John 4:40-54

Read John 4:40-54 Together:

⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word. ⁴² They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

⁴³ After the two days he departed for Galilee. ⁴⁴ (For Jesus himself had testified that a prophet has no honor in his own hometown.) ⁴⁵ So when he came to Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him, having seen all that he had done in Jerusalem at the feast. For they too had gone to the feast.

⁴⁶ 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. ⁴⁷ 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. ⁴⁸ So Jesus said to him, "Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe." ⁴⁹ The official said to him, "Sir, come down before my child dies." ⁵⁰ Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way. ⁵¹ As he was going down, his servants met him and told him that his son was recovering. ⁵² 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." ⁵³ 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. ⁵⁴ This was now the second sign that Jesus did when he had come from Judea to Galilee.

Study the Text:

- ? What is the context of verse 40?
- ? Where is Jesus, and what has just transpired?
- ? Why does Jesus return to Galilee?
- ? What had Jesus done in Jerusalem at the feast?

Understand the Reality of Suffering:

- ? Who is suffering in this text?
- ? How is the son suffering?
- ? How is the father suffering?
- ? When we suffer, is it because of our sin?
- ? Why does God allow suffering?
- ? Has your suffering brought you closer to God? If so, how?

Recognize the Significance of Jesus' Suffering:

His journey to the cross promises an eternity free from suffering.

- ? How was life for Jesus? Did he find life easy or pain-free?
- ? How did Jesus suffer on the cross physically? Emotionally?
- ? What did Jesus pray the evening before his death on the cross?
- ? What "answer" did Jesus receive from the Father?
- ? How should we respond to God when he answers "no"?
- ? Read and consider the words of the Apostle Peter in I Peter 5:10. Isn't it amazing to think that God the Father himself will someday *"restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish"* you?