

Today's Worship Service

PRAISE

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness. (Psalm 29:2)

Call To Worship

Pastor Ryan Boyer

["Our God"](#)

Myrin, Redman, Reeves, Tomlin

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Ryan Boyer

RENEWAL

As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. (Psalm 103:12)

Guatemala Recap Video

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Ryan Boyer

Assurance of Grace

Pastor Ryan Boyer

["Here Is Love"](#)

Lowry, Redman, Rees

["Sing Your Glory"](#)

D'Acquisto, Leonard, Matheson, Poore

Offering

PROCLAMATION

Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. (Psalm 25:4)

Reading of the Word

[John 4:43-54](#)

Reader: This is God's Word for us today.

All: Thanks be to God.

Preaching of the Word

Pastor Ryan Boyer

RESPONSE

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. (Psalm 63:3)

["We Have Been Healed"](#)

Gunderlock, Kauflin

Benediction

Pastor Ryan Boyer

Sermon Review Discussion Questions

These questions are for *after* the sermon and can be used for Life Group discussion, one-to-one discipleship, or personal reflection and application.

What if Jesus had never performed any miraculous signs... would you still come to him? For many in John's Gospel, this was the main draw to him. They wanted (maybe even needed) signs to give him any honor at all. And yet the honor they gave wasn't true honor. It wasn't faith that would bring life. However, this wasn't always the case. In this passage we meet a man who needed life, but not for himself; he needed life for his son. In coming to meet Jesus, he got what he was seeking... and then some. He himself found life in the truest sense.

Discussion Questions

1. What signs tend to catch your eye as you're going down the interstate? How likely are you to pull off the road based on the information posted on a billboard? What is the most important information you need in order for a sign to be most effective?
2. What did Jesus mean when he declared, "A prophet has no honor in his hometown"? Why wasn't Jesus thrilled about the Galileans' welcome (cf. John 2:23-25)? What are ways you have witnessed Jesus being welcomed, but not truly honored?
3. What was the official's motivation for going to Jesus? How did the official's request show that he wasn't merely looking for a sign? How can we check our motives when bringing requests to Jesus? What are the right motives?
4. The official believes Jesus' word and then departs. What are ways you struggle to fully trust Jesus and his words? What are the barriers and obstacles that keep you from taking him at his word? How can we take steps to overcome these challenges?
5. What is wrong with only seeking signs from Jesus? What do we miss out on with that type of faith? How did Jesus ultimately bring life to this official's household (vs. 51-54)? Why should those who find life in Jesus bring others to find life in Jesus?

In-Sermon Focus Questions

These questions are designed to keep you engaged during the sermon.

1. How are signs useful to us in everyday life and in spiritual matters?
2. What was the problem with people focusing too much on signs?
3. What was the official's request from Jesus?
4. When did the official truly understand and believe in Jesus?
5. How did the official put his faith into action?

Sermon Notes

Preacher: Pastor Ryan Boyer

Sermon: In Him Was Life

Scripture: [John 4:43-54](#)

Date: March 29, 2020

For more information on this topic look into:

John: A 12-Week Study. (Knowing the Bible series) by Justin Buzzard

John 1-12 For You (God's Word for You) by Josh Moody
ESV Scripture Journal

Next Week's Sermon Preparation

These questions are for personal use during the week to help you prepare for next week's passage, [John 5:1-18](#).

Context

1. What has happened so far in the narrative? Have there been any major events, characters, or themes?
2. What has happened just prior to the section you are reading?

Observation

1. What do you learn about the main characters in this section? How does the author describe them? How do they describe themselves?
2. Is time or place significant in the events that happen in the passage?
3. Is there a conflict or high point in the passage?
4. Do you think there is a main point or theme in this section of the story?
5. What surprises are there?

Meaning

1. Are there any 'editorial' comments from the author about the events in the narrative? How do these comments illuminate what is happening?
2. Does someone in the narrative learn something or grow in some way? How? What does this person learn?
3. What does the passage reveal about who Jesus is, and what he came into the world to do?
4. How could you sum up the meaning of this passage in your own words?

Application

1. How does this passage challenge (or confirm) your understanding?
2. Is there some attitude you need to change?
3. What does this passage teach you about being a disciple of Jesus?

Adapted from: *One to One Bible Reading, A Simple Guide for Every Christian*
by David Helm (Available at the Grace Book Cart)

How are you doing?

We miss seeing everyone during the week and especially on Sundays! If you have a prayer need, please email us at info@graceinracine.com. We'd love to be praying for you during this crazy time. You can also submit a prayer request at prayer@graceinracine.com. Please visit graceinracine.com if you need help during this time or are able to assist others.

Also, if you have a personal need that we can help you with, please contact the church office and let us know! 262.632.2111 or info@graceinracine.com.

We recognize that some may be facing severe economic hardship, we'd love to have a conversation about how we might be able to help in some way as well. The benevolence ministry is available only to regular attenders and members. Contact Lynn Newlun at lnewlun@graceinracine.com or 977.6532.



Realm is an online tool that will help you connect to the mission of Grace.

Realm is the first place where church updates are posted.

Through Realm, you can share prayer requests, keep in touch with your ministry team or life group, give online, ask questions, and get plugged in.

Realm is a very helpful tool as we strive together to be a community on mission.

[Click here to request an invite to Realm!](#)

Or, email: jcarls@graceinracine.com

AWANA Update

Awana will not be meeting for the rest of the school year. Information about how clubbers can finish their handbooks is available on Realm, the church website, and you should be receiving a postcard soon!

New Guide Book & Directory

Watch your mailbox for our new Grace Church Guide Book & Directory that should be arriving in the coming week. The advertisers helped provide this service at no cost to our congregation. We encourage you to think of them in the future as your needs arise. If you are interested in advertising next year, contact amandavogt@guidebookpublishing.com for more information.

If you do not receive a directory in the coming week or if you find your information to need updating, please contact Janine Carls at jcarls@graceinracine.com or 632-2111.

Giving on Realm

1. Log into your Realm account
(don't have a Realm account? [Visit graceinracine.com/realm](http://graceinracine.com/realm) to set one up)
2. On the left menu, select "Community"
3. Select "Giving"
4. On the "Giving" page, select the blue box with +Give.
5. From this point, you indicate the amount, designated fund, & frequency.
6. Select "Continue" and then will be prompted to enter bank information.

On the passing of his mother, Marlene Schultz, we extend our sympathies to Glenn & Jessica Schultz.

Our heartfelt love, prayers, and sympathy to Ken and Kim Anthony on the passing of Ken's brother, Greg Anthony and Kim's brother, Steve Smith.

On the passing of his father, Daniel Koepnick, we extend our sympathies to Justin and Whitney Koepnick.

Last Week: Livestream Attendance: 306

Giving: Last Week: \$55,643 YTD: \$348,298 +/- Budget: -\$15,734

Here are some key words to listen for in the sermon. Make a mark every time you hear these words:

SIGN

OFFICIAL

SON

LIFE

FAITH



In Him Was Life

Use a copy of the English Standard Version (ESV) of the Bible to fill in the missing words below from John 4:53-54. Then listen to the message and fill in the outline below.



So the _____ knew that it was at that _____ in which _____ said to him, "Your son _____"; and he himself _____ and his whole _____.

This is again a second _____ that _____ performed when He had come out of _____ into _____.

OUTLINE OF TODAY'S PASSAGE

I. The _____ 's R _____ (v. 43-46a)

II. The _____ 's R _____ (v. 46b-50)

III. The _____ 's R _____ (v. 51-54)

WHAT IS THE MAIN IDEA OF TODAY'S PASSAGE?

(You can copy it down or say it in your own words)

AFTER THE SERMON ACTIVITY

These times remind us that not only can we trust Jesus when He can't see what He is doing, but that we must trust Him. In Him alone is life found! Review with your family how we can trust Jesus even when we can't see what He is doing by playing this fun and simple game with your family this week: Give each person a paper plate and a marker or crayon. Have them put the paper plate on top of their head and hold it there. Then give them instructions of what to draw on the plate while it is still on top of their head. Just give simple instructions such as "Draw a house", "Draw a sun", "Draw flowers around the house", etc. When you are done have everyone remove the plate from their head and look at it—they will look very silly. Talk about how it was difficult to do that when you couldn't see where you were drawing. What would have made it easier? Now play the game again but this time partner everyone up. Have one person still draw on the plate with the plate above their head but have their partner guide their hand accordingly. Compare the drawings between the two rounds. Why did this have better results? Why were you willing to trust your partner? The partner could see the whole picture and so you trusted them to move your hand accordingly. Even though it might have been a little scary to give control to your partner, understanding that they knew more than you helped you to trust them. We can trust that Jesus is God and therefore knows everything, so we can trust Him all the time with every aspect of our lives.



REVIEW TODAY'S MESSAGE BY DISCUSSING THESE QUESTIONS AS A FAMILY:

1. THIS PASSAGE TELLS US OF THE SECOND SIGN THAT JOHN MARKS IN HIS GOSPEL THAT JESUS IS GOD. DO YOU REMEMBER THE FIRST? WHAT HAPPENED IN TODAY'S PASSAGE? RETELL WHAT HAPPENED IN TODAY'S BIBLE PASSAGE IN YOUR OWN WORDS.
2. JOHN TALKS A LOT ABOUT "SEEING" AND "WITNESSING" IN HIS GOSPEL. BUT IN THIS PASSAGE WE SEE THAT OUR BELIEF MUST ALSO TIE IN WITH WHAT WE CANNOT SEE. WHAT IS SOMETHING YOU ARE STRUGGLING TO BELIEVE ABOUT JESUS RIGHT NOW? WHERE CAN WE LOOK TO HELP OUR UNBELIEF?