

MIRACLES?

MIRACLES? Part 1
“Don’t Stop Believin”
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USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures referenced in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your group’s goal is not to get through the questions, but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships.

Use the discussion questions as you see fit, but emphasize the relationships.

Merriam-webster.com

1: an extraordinary event manifesting divine intervention in human affairs

Definition: A miracle is an unusual and significant event (*terasa*) which requires the working of a supernatural agent (*dunamis*) and is performed for the purpose of authenticating the message or the messenger (*semeion*).

Mark 16:17-18 (TPT)

And **these miracle signs will accompany those who believe:** They will drive out demons in the power of my name. They will speak in tongues. They will be supernaturally protected from snakes and from drinking anything poisonous. And they will lay hands on the sick and heal them.”

Matthew 10:7-8

As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' **Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons.** Freely you have received; freely give.

John 14:12-14

Very truly I tell you, **whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing**, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son

1 Corinthians 12:28

And **God has appointed** (*to fix and establish*) in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, **then miracles**, then gifts of healings...

Hebrews 13:8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

"A man with an experience of God is never at the mercy of a man with an argument."

Leonard Ravenhill

Acts 19:11-12 (TPT)

God kept releasing a flow of **extraordinary miracles** through the hands of Paul. Because of this, people took Paul's handkerchiefs and articles of clothing, even pieces of cloth that had touched his skin, laying them on the bodies of the sick, and diseases and demons left them, and they were healed.

9 Biblical Reasons Prayers Go Unanswered

1. Unbelief
2. Unresolved offense

3. Unforgiveness
4. Praying outside the will of God
5. Spiritual opposition or (demonic resistance)
6. Lifestyle choices
7. The timing of God
8. Living in disobedience to the Word
9. The sin of a nation

Hebrews 11:6

And it is impossible to please God without faith . Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards **those who sincerely seek him.**

11 Actions of Faith from HEBREWS 11

1. Faith **seeks** God
2. Faith **prepares**
3. Faith **gives**
4. Faith **preaches / proclaims** the Word
5. Faith **accomplishes**
6. Faith **holds on** to the promise
7. Faith **looks forward**
8. Faith **sacrifices**
9. Faith **speaks blessing**
10. Faith **endures** the times of waiting
11. Faith **remains** in the mystery

Deuteronomy 29:29

The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law.

HEBREWS 11:13-16

All these people died still believing what God had promised them. They did not receive what was promised, but they saw it all from a distance and welcomed it. They agreed that they

were foreigners and nomads here on earth. Obviously, people who say such things are looking forward to a country they can call their own. If they had longed for the country they came from, they could have gone back. But they were looking for a better place, a heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

TALK IT THROUGH

1. Review the definition of a miracle (above). Have you experienced, or witnessed, a miracle? If so, share about it.
2. Review the verses above (from Mark 10, Matt. 10, John 14, 1 Cor. 12). Are miracles still for today? Do you believe God can work a miracle *for* you? How about *through* you? Why or why not?
3. Pastor Dave shared a quote from Leonard Ravenhill: “A man with an experience of God is never at the mercy of a man with an argument.” Have you had an experience in your life that has changed your “theology” or mindset? Share with the group.
4. Has there been a time in your life when you prayed for a miracle, believed, declared the Word . . . did all the things you knew to do, and yet the miracle didn’t come? If so, how did that affected your faith?
5. Look over the list of 9 Biblical reason prayers go unanswered. Often, we are the ones standing in the way of a miracle, but sometimes there is silence from heaven, or a season of “mystery”. Read together Hebrews 11:6. How can you position yourself for a miracle now, even in the midst of unanswered prayer?
6. What are the truths we must remind ourselves of during the times in life when we don’t see what we’ve prayed for, when the healing or the deliverance . . . (the answer) doesn’t come?
7. Where do you need to see a miracle? Pray together as a group for the Only God answers. If Jesus has “appointed” miracles in the Church (1 Cor. 12:28), then let’s believe to see them, and be ready and available to be used in another person’s miracle.