

LIFEGROUPS – Facilitator Notes



Miracles: Part 1 – SUPERNATURAL MIRACLES

ICE BREAKER: *What has been a miracle of God that you have experienced in your life or heard of in someone else's life? How did that make you feel about God? And what did that do for your faith in God?*

Read Mark 16:17 - 20 ¹⁷And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover." ¹⁹So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. ²⁰And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with *them* and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

WHAT IS A MIRACLE?

Q) How would you define a miracle?

Could a definition be: - A miracle is the manifestation of a supernatural phenomenon that goes beyond the laws of nature that points towards God? Your view of the scriptures as God's word as well as recording the divine miracles of a loving God throughout history will determine how much you as a Christian will believe in miracles for this day.

Read again Mark 16:17-18. If you are a believer in Jesus these signs will follow.

Q) As a believer how does this scripture motivate you to believe for the miraculous when you pray for yourself and others?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:16-22.

In fact, your salvation is a miracle founded upon a miracle, the supernatural resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Q) How do you think or feel about that?

MIRACLES ARE SO ESSENTIAL TO THE WITNESS OF THE CHURCH TODAY.

Read Mark 1:23-28 and Matthew 12:27-28.

Q) What do you think the correlation and significance of these two scriptures are?

A) The exorcism in Mark's gospel was the witness to the power of the Holy Spirit being present in Jesus and the exorcism in Matthew 12 was showing not only that the Holy Spirit was present but also that the Kingdom of God had come upon them in power.

Read Matthew 11:1-5.

Q) What was Jesus' response to John the Baptist of whether He was the Christ? (v3).

A) Verse 4-5. It's the physical out workings of the miraculous power of God. The blind seeing, the lame walking, the lepers cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised; the poor have the gospel preached to them. The Kingdom of God was being manifested on the earth.

Q) Why do we need to believe for the miraculous in the church today?

Read Acts 14:3 and Hebrews 2:4

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Q) Why does God grant miracles through His believers?

A) The miraculous confirms the word of God that is preached.

Read John 14:12-14 and Acts 1:8.

Greater works than Jesus performed means more in quantity not in quality because His Holy Spirit power is now in the millions of believers in Christ all over the world.

Q) So what works did Jesus perform when He was on the earth?

Q) What is your responsibility as a believer in Jesus Christ who is empowered in the Holy Spirit?

Q) How can you this week be an instrument for the power of the Holy Spirit to manifest a miracle in someone else's life or circumstance.

PRAY NOW TOGETHER for the opportunity this week to lay hands on someone to pray for a miracle of healing, or salvation for someone, or a supernatural deliverance or something miraculous. Maybe someone in your life group needs a miracle, ask them then pray for them now and all believe for that miracle to manifest in their lives.