

MIRACLES

Part 2:

Big Idea

We know that God does miracles, but what do we do when our miracle doesn't happen when or how we think it should? We must not allow a lengthy waiting season to diminish our faith! We must believe when we don't see, persist when nothing changes, and continue to act in faith, even when it doesn't make sense. This is the kind of faith that honors God. This is the kind of faith that sees miracles happen! We must also keep in mind that the miracle that God has for us in our situation may be different than the miracle we ask for, but we must trust that He always does the right thing. His miracle for us is better than the one we envision for ourselves. When the waiting season is wearing you down, remember: Faith believes God can, but trusts Him even if He doesn't.

...“Everything is possible for one who believes.”

- Mark 9:23

Discussion Questions

- God often answers prayers differently than expected. Talk about a time when you were believing God for one thing and God answered differently.
- God's most amazing work often begins in the biggest messes and in times of brokenness. What are you facing right now that would require a miracle?
- Sometimes, everything in our situation points to a “no.” We feel like every door is slamming shut. If you found yourself in such a season, how did you handle it spiritually? Talk about what steps you can take to maintain a “sure and certain” faith?

Prayer Focus

Begin to pray and ask God to reveal any causes of doubt in your life. If they are rooted in negative relationships, pray for wisdom about how to create some space in those friendships. Ask God to help you develop greater trust in His goodness and a greater understanding of his incredible love for you. Ask Him to help you overcome your unbelief

Next Steps

Identify the source of doubt in your life. Surround yourself with faith-filled people who will stand with you as you walk through this season. Remind yourself that the miracle that God has for you is often far greater than the miracle you originally asked for.

Leader Tip

Encourage those in your group who have not attended Church 101 or been water baptized to take those important steps. If anyone is being baptized ask group members attend to show support.