

DEVELOPING & EMPOWERING

LEADERS GATHERING

Miracles

BIG IDEA:

In the same way that initiative is the fuel that ignites a vision, miracles are an ignition for revival. Preaching the Word with signs and wonders following can ignite a move of God. But what are the contributing factors to seeing miracles?

KEY SCRIPTURE:

Acts 3:1-10 ESV “Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. And a man lame from birth was being carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple that is called the Beautiful Gate to ask alms of those entering the temple. Seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked to receive alms. And Peter directed his gaze at him, as did John, and said, “Look at us.” And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. But Peter said, “I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!” And he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. And leaping up, he stood and began to walk, and entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. And all the people saw him walking and praising God, and recognized him as the one who sat at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, asking for alms. And they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.”

Evangelism Topic: Praying for the Sick/Miracles

The Beginning of a Miracle

- **“On their way to the temple..”** The miracle of the lame man walking happened outside of the temple, outside of the church.
- **“He laid daily at the gate”** The lame man was someone they passed daily. God wants to use you in your daily routine with the people you come across daily to see the miraculous happen.
- **“He asked to receive alms (money)”** He asked for money but what he really needed was healing. The Lord doesn't just want us to make the present more bearable for someone but to release his power into the world.
- **“Silver and gold I don't have but what I do have”** The enemy will always whisper into our ear, “Who do you think you are? You have nothing to offer.” Don't let the enemy make you feel like you “don't have.”
- **“In the name of Jesus ... took his hand ...”** Peter took the initiative and did something - He spoke and he acted.

What Are the Steps to Seeing the Miraculous Happen?

1. Agree with God

- We must believe God's Word above the circumstances
- Jude 1:3 - Contend for the faith once delivered to the saints
- Jude is writing to second generation Christians encouraging them to remain faithful to the Word

2. Believe God for a miracle at least once in your life

- Don't just accept things as they are, as that takes zero faith. We can't just accept things as they are and expect to see the miraculous
- We don't deny reality, we just recognize and honor a higher reality, the promises of God.
- **Fixed point example:** to prevent seasickness find a fixed point on the horizon - keeping our eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith

3. Accept the responsibility

- You will never see something happen if you don't do something
- Almost every miracle in scripture requires the action of someone
- You don't have to “feel” it to experience it
- Every believer has the authority to do this

4. Take action

- Faith is an action
 - By faith Noah **BUILT** - action
 - By faith Abel **OFFERED** - offerings matter
 - Satan hates the offering - first offering and first murder
 - You can see a person's faith in their offering
 - By faith Enoch **WALKED** - prayer
 - Draw near to God
 - Pray - spend time with him
 - By faith Abraham **OBEYED** - when he was called he obeyed

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever prayed for a miracle? What was the outcome?
2. What is a great way to put into action believing God for miracles?
3. Do you have a person in your small group or on your team who is ready to begin leading? What is their next step?
4. How does recruiting a new leader start? Discuss effective strategies to recruit new leaders.

ACTION POINT:

WRITE DOWN THE NAMES OF THREE PEOPLE IN YOUR GROUP/ON YOUR TEAM THAT YOU CAN COMMIT TO PRAYING FOR THIS SEMESTER. ASK GOD TO PUT PASSION IN THEIR HEART AND THAT THEY WILL RESPOND TO A CALL TO LEADERSHIP. STEP OUT IN FAITH THIS MONTH AND OFFER TO PRAY WITH SOMEONE WHO NEEDS A MIRACLE. REMEMBER, WE ARE NOT IN CHARGE OF RESULTS, JUST REQUESTS (PHILIPPIANS 4:6).