



## Living in the Miraculous

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**Focus** God is a God of the miraculous. As His people, we should live miraculous lives because His power is available to us. When we open our hearts to God and put our faith in Him, we will experience more of His miraculous power in our lives.

**Fun** Share one or two things God has done in your life this past year. It can be something simple, or it can be something miraculous. Take a moment to give thanks to God for the good things He has done.

**Review** Key Scriptures: Romans 8:11 & John 21:25

- Every miracle that happens in the Bible begins with a problem. When God does something supernatural in the midst of that problem, it's a miracle. If you have a problem, you are a candidate for a miracle.
- The same power that raised Christ from the dead is available for us today. John 14:12–14 says that the same works Jesus did in His day are available for us. We should be experiencing the miraculous on a regular basis.
- Sometimes we believe myths that keep us from experiencing God's power, such as God is not interested, He's deaf, or He's dead. Believing these will keep you from God's power.
- If you want to experience the miraculous, open up your heart to God's power, do whatever He tells you, and have faith in God.

### **\*Group Dynamics Idea\***

One of the best ways to lift everyone's hearts and stir up their faith is to take time to share testimonies. When people are given a chance to share something God has done in their lives, or give praise to God for something, it changes the whole dynamic of the group. In a week that we're talking about miracles, people's faith will really increase when they hear testimonies from one another.

### **Discuss**

1. Read John 14:12–14. What do you think it means when Jesus says: "He who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also"? Why is it sometimes hard for us to believe this?
2. Often our own thinking, doubts, or myths we believe can keep us from experiencing God's miraculous power. What are some of those thoughts, doubts, or myths? Why do you think we sometimes believe those over what Scripture says?
3. Sometimes our experiences don't match what we read in Scripture. This is never supposed to be a discouragement, but rather a call to live at a different level. How can we take more steps to live lives that match what we read in the Bible?
4. Have you ever had a problem where God stepped in and did a miracle? Share with everyone.
5. Is there currently an area of your life where you're facing a difficulty? God wants to intervene in that area. If you're comfortable, share with the group about an area of your life in which you'd like to see a miracle. Then, take time to pray that God would perform a miracle in each person's situation.

### **Take Home**

As we conclude, remember the following:

- God is a miraculous God full of miraculous power.
- Don't believe lies or myths that would keep you from experiencing a miracle.
- Open yourself up to God, do what He tells you, and have faith.

### **Prayer**

Heavenly Father, we believe You are a God of miracles. We believe Your miraculous power is available to us today. Right now, we place the problems

in our lives before You. We ask You to come do a miracle in the midst of the problems we are facing today. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**\*New Leader Tip\***

Rest is part of the culture of Gateway Church. As a leader, it's important for you to get rest. Be sure to build in some intentional times of rest for yourself, your family, and your Gateway Group this summer.