

LifeLight's End Times Study:
Opening Prayer:

1. What is LifeLight?
 - a. It is an in-depth Bible study, which includes the following:
 - i. Individual daily home study: 15-30 minutes daily for 5 days each week
 - ii. In session lecture given by me
 - iii. In session, small group discussion
2. Weekly process:
 - a. Before each session:
 - i. You will go over a study leaflet containing a hymn, a prayer, and guided questions based on scripture pertaining to the weekly theme.
 - b. During each session:
 - i. I will present a lecture and teach on the topic.
 - ii. We will have time to go through questions together in full and small groups.
 - c. The day after the group session:
 - i. You can spend this time reviewing what you have learned.

A sigh of relief:

1. During each session, I'll give you a handout, mentioning which questions will be focused on during the following session. I hope to focus on about 5 questions rather than all five days of questions.
 - a. This frees you from needing to do the whole 5-day intensive study. Nonetheless, you are of course welcome to do the 5-day study.
2. Even without prior studying, because I will give lectures on the questions, you will be able to engage in the questions each week.
3. Finally, you aren't expected to make it every single week. While this will grant you the best opportunity to learn, you will be able to get a lot out of whichever weeks you are able to attend.

Big Picture:

Now that we understand LifeLight, What will we learn in this study?

1. In order to facilitate our discussion, we will pick 6 of these 9 sessions to focus on. Here is the selected session for next week:
 - a. 2nd Session, April 28th: "Miracles with a Purpose"
 - i. Topic: Miracles have a purpose, namely to point us to God's identity, messengers, and truths. Here, we'll learn about God's purpose behind miracles.
 - ii. Here we'll focus on the following questions:
 - b.

Choice of Topics (chose five of the following):

1. Miracles and Science:
 - a. Christians have a ready and winsome response to the objections raised against the veracity of the miracle accounts in the Bible. Here we'd consider the relationship between miracles and science.

2. The Mighty Acts of God: Miracles in the Old Testament:
 - a. OT miracles are God's signature to His judgements and promises, especially at times of significant revelation. Here we'd consider the relationship between OT miracles and the miracles of Jesus.
3. Jesus' Miracles of Power over Sickness:
 - a. Jesus' healing miracles in the gospels confirm His identity, character, and purpose. Here we'd consider the relationship between Jesus' miracles and his identity, character, and purpose.
4. The Miraculous Power of Jesus over Satan:
 - a. As Jesus drives out demons, we are assured of His authority over them and of their ultimate defeat. Here we'd consider Jesus' relationship to the devil by considering some of his confrontations with the devil and the devil's minions.
5. The Miraculous Power of Jesus over Creation:
 - a. Jesus' miracles reveal Him as Creator, Redeemer, and Deliverer, the One who controls the forces of His creation. Here we'd consider Jesus' immanent NT relationship to the transcendent God of the OT.
6. Jesus' Miracles of Power over Death:
 - a. Jesus' resurrection miracles reveal His power over death and foreshadow both His resurrection and that of all who believe in Him. Here we'd consider how Jesus raises others – and himself – from the dead.
7. Apostolic Miracles:
 - a. After Jesus' ascension and the sending of the Holy Spirit, God used miracles to confirm the message of Jesus' apostles and commissioned servants. Here we'd consider especially the apostle's miracles recorded in Acts.
8. Miracles Today:
 - a. God still performs miracles today. Here, we'd consider miracles today and what to think of them.

Closing Prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father, we praise you for being a God who reveals himself to us through Jesus and your word in the scriptures. Help us, we pray, to better know you from our study of miracles. In Jesus' name, amen.

Session Two (based on the packet's Session 1, "Miracles with a Purpose"):

Opening Prayer:

1. Any thoughts on the lecture or from your homework?
 - a.
 - i.
 - 1.
 - ii.
 - 1.
 - iii.
 - 1.
 - b. Isn't
 - i.
 - 1.
 - ii.
 - 1.
 - iii.
 - 1.
 - iv.
 - 1.
3. How are miracles extraordinary? Consider John 9:32; 6:14; 20:25.
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
4. How do miracles point to God's identity? Consider Psalm 145 (cf. John 2:11)
 - a.
5. How do miracles point to God's messengers? Consider 1 Kings 17:24 (cf. 2 Cor. 12:12).
 - a.
6. How do miracles point to God's truth? Consider Mark 2:1-2 and John 11:25.
 - a. Mark 2:1-2
 - i.
 - b. John 11:25
 - i.
7. From **4a, 4b, and 4c** in your packet, consider: what is the purpose of miracles?
 - a. John 20:31
 - i.
 - b. Acts 8:6
 - i.
 - c. Acts 14:3

- i.
- 8. From **5a, and 5b** in your packet, consider: what is the difference between miracles worked by God and magic?
 - a. Also read Acts 8:4-25
 - i. Magic:
 - 1.
 - ii. Miracles:
 - 1.

Take Home:

- 1. I urge you not to look for miracles to be wowed but to consider what God's purpose is for using a miracle.
- 2. I urge you to see the miracles recorded in Scripture as signs that God acts with purpose. Specifically, God's miracles point us to the way he acted in sending Jesus to die and miraculously be raised from the dead.

Closing Prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father, we praise you for your mighty power. Thank you for not simply working miracles to wow us but also to point us to the salvation you have worked for us in your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Thank you for your son, who set aside his ability to do miracles that day on the cross, allowing himself to die for us. And thank you for your great power shown in raising him from the dead. In Jesus' name, amen.

"You Already Sent a Miracle:"

I don't wanna struggle no more
I don't wanna sin any longer
I want you to do a miracle;
I want you to make me stronger.
I want you to do a miracle.
I want you to show me a sign,
But even if you choose not to heal my wound this time,

You already sent a miracle:
Jesus Christ, your son.
You already sent a miracle.
Though my healing isn't done,
You already sent a miracle:
Jesus Christ, your son.
You already sent a miracle.
Though my healing isn't done,
In Him, the victory's won.

I don't want to struggle today;
I want my faith to be vision.
I want you to hurry my way;
I want your present provision.
I want you to do a miracle.
I want you to show me a sign,
But even if you choose not to heal my wound this time,

Other Purposes Scripture Gives For Miracles:

1. To display his power as Creator and Almighty God (Cf. Psalm 77:14)
 - a.
2. To redeem or rescue His people (Psalm 77:15-20)
 - a.
3. To fulfill prophecy (Mt. 8:14-17)
 - a.
4. To testify to the identity of Jesus as God's Son (cf. Acts 2:22)
 - a.
5. To express compassion for the sick longing to be healed (Mk. 1:40-42)
 - a.
6. To carry or exhibit a truth to be learned (John 9:1-7)
 - a.
7. To bring people to faith (John 10:22-39;20;30-31; 1 Kings 18:39)
 - a.
8. To confirm the message of the apostles (Hebrews 2:1-4)
 - a.
9. To provide a glimpse of heaven (Revelation 21:1-4)
 - a.

Homework for Session Two:

1. Read pgs. 2-3 in your enrichment magazine ("What Counts as a Miracle?")
 - a. Any thoughts or questions from this?
 - i.
2. Consider passages associated with questions 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, and 5c from you packet.
3. Also consider: what is a miracle and what isn't it? What does the world think a miracle is? What does God's word say about miracles?
 - a.
4. Please familiarize yourself with Psalm 145 and 1 Kings, considering what these passages say about miracles. We will mention select verses from them in our study of the purpose of miracles.
 - a. Psalm 145
 - i.
 - b. 1 Kings 17