



Signs

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Focus God has done signs and wonders through the ages. His Son, Jesus, did the same—He was a miracle worker! God still answers prayer and works miracles today. He wants us to be whole physically and spiritually and knows what we need before we ask; yet we are to ask. We must have eyes to see, ears to hear, and faith to believe.

Fun Give your group members time to think of one word that describes themselves and have them write it down on a piece of paper. Their word can be funny or serious. Collect the papers, then read each word aloud and ask everyone to guess who it describes.

Review Key Scriptures: Isaiah 35:5–6

1. God does signs and wonders.

Exodus 7:3; Psalm 135:9; Daniel 4:3; Acts 2:22, 2:43; Romans 15:18–19; Hebrews 2:4

God is infinite; He cannot stop being God. He is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. God performed signs and wonders through the ages, and His signs and wonders continue today. Nothing is too difficult for Him, because God is naturally supernatural.

2. God heals spiritually.

Luke 17:17–19; Romans 10:13; Jeremiah 5:21; Ezekiel 12:2; Acts 9:18

When God saves us, He makes us whole. The Greek word *sozo* means “to be made whole.” Another definition of this word is “Messianic deliverance.” It speaks to what Jesus did for us on the cross. When God opens our spiritual

eyes and ears, we're able to understand what He has for us. He wants to heal us physically *and* spiritually.

3. God opens wombs.

Genesis 20:18, 29:31, 30:22; 1 Samuel 1:5; Matthew 20:29, 20:30–34

God's Word tells us that He can open or close wombs. Sometimes He closes wombs for judgment, but this does not apply to believers because Jesus was already punished for our sin. There is no condemnation in Christ. And sometimes He closes wombs for His timing. God closed Hannah's womb so that her son, Samuel, would be born at the right time to anoint King David. God always has a purpose in mind and works all things for our good. When we need a miracle, we should ask Him for it.

Group Dynamics Idea Miracle: an extraordinary event manifesting divine intervention in human affairs. Discuss miracles happening in our world today.

Discuss

1. Have you ever received a sign from God? Share your experience with the group.
2. Has anyone ever told you that miracles do not happen today? How does God's Word contradict that view? (Psalm 135:9; Hebrews 2:4)
3. Read Luke 17:19. What is an important element in God's healing process? According to Jeremiah 5:21 and Ezekiel 12:2, what can affect our faith?
4. Why do you think it is important to be healed spiritually as well as physically?
5. God was merciful in opening the wombs of Leah and Rachel. What led God to show compassion in each case? (Genesis 29:31, 30:22)
6. Read Matthew 20:30–33. What happened between the two blind men and Jesus? What was the result? (Matthew 20:34)

Take Home As we conclude, remember the following:

- God never changes because He is eternal.

- He still works signs and wonders today.
- God heals us physically and spiritually.

Prayer Lord, I am asking You for a miracle today. Help me to have the faith to believe. In Jesus' name. Amen.

New Leader Tip Make the end of the semester special by taking communion together. Pick up some matzo crackers, grape juice, and mini disposable cups. To prepare for your part, read Matthew 26:26–28.