

# Jesus the Miracle Worker, Jesus the Healer

## **Intro:**

\*Read Mark 5:2-20

- If you had lived in this man's town, what would you have observed about how he looked, what he sounded like, what he smelled like, and how he acted?
- What kind of emotions would have surfaced as you encountered this man or heard about him around town?
- Describe your response to this man and his social situation after he had been healed by Jesus. What thoughts or emotions might have surfaced in you then?

## **I. Definition and Purpose of a Miracle**

### **DEFINITION OF A MIRACLE**

From God's perspective a miracle is an act of God to attract the attention to God Himself, God's messenger, and/or the Word of God.

### **PURPOSE OF MIRACLES**

- To glorify God. (John 2:11)
- To meet human need. (Mark 6:33-44, Feeding the 5,000)
- Attest that Jesus is The Son of God and that by believing you may have life in His name (John 20:31)

There are 35+ miracles recorded in the Bible. Let's take a look at two.....

## **II. Exploring Two Miracles**

Jesus Calms the Sea-

\*Read Mark 4:35-5:1

- What stood out to you in this passage?
- What does this story reveal about the disciples?
- What does the story reveal about Nature?
- What does the story reveal about Jesus?

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand-

\*Read Mark 6:30-55

- What stood out to you in this passage?
- Jesus was interrupted by the crowd when he was trying to rest. What does His reaction say about His character and nature?
- How does Jesus reaction to the crowd compare to the disciples reaction?
- Why does He feel compassion?
- How does He meet their needs?

## **III. Jesus and You**

### **\*\*READ Mark 9:17-24**

Think of a current need where you need Jesus to act in a significant way. (This could be a material need, healing from physical or emotional pain, for a circumstance or a relationship to change, etc.) The God of the Bible performed many wondrous deeds on behalf of His people.

-Right now does it seem easy for you to trust this mighty God to intervene in your situation or do you better identify with the father in Mark 9:24 who said "I believe, but

help me with my unbelief?"

-Why or why not?

-From what you learned from the calming of the sea and feeding of the five thousand, what do you think is Jesus' response to your needs?

-What about Jesus' character/nature is relevant to your current circumstances?

### **The Truth about Jesus**

- He is all loving
- He is all powerful
- He is all knowledgeable
- He cares about His glory
- He acts mightily so that He would be glorified and we will learn to trust Him

\*What if God were all loving and all powerful but not knowledgeable? All knowledgeable and all powerful but not all loving? All loving and all knowledgeable but not all powerful?

### **The Truth about You**

- He loves you
- He has compassion on you
- He is patient and kind toward you
- He delights in providing for His children
- He began a good work in you to become like Him from the moment you received Him. Your circumstances are image making tools in the Lord's hands.

### **Fill in the blank:**

Because God is all loving, all powerful and all knowledgeable I \_\_\_\_\_.

### **\*\*Ask: Why is it often so hard to trust God to intervene?**

1. Growth toward trusting Him takes time, but a great work in you has begun! (Philippians 1:6)
2. We are in a spiritual battle. The Enemy would rather we not trust God (Ephesians 6:10-18)
3. Feelings of guilt, shame and fear keep us from trusting and drawing near to Him (Heb. 4:14-16)

## **IV. Application:**

*\*\* (Have each person take time to write the following on a piece of paper during your familia)*

- Identify areas you are trusting God to change
- Identify your doubts and your reasons for doubt
- Respond to God in faith believing that He is all powerful, all knowing, and all loving. As an expression of our faith, pray. **Pray** about everything (Philippians 4:6, 7).

## **V. Summary/Conclusion:**

-Jesus demonstrated His love for his people and his power over nature and circumstances. He cares for you and can heal and provide for you too.

**\*\*Read John 20:31 as a group**

**End your time in prayer**