

Small Group/Sermon Notes based on “Miracles: Part 7”

Remember, small groups are primarily for growing closer relationships with other believers. We can learn wonderful things in this environment but keep relationships first.

- Make sure everyone knows each other’s names. Have everyone share a little about themselves and how life is going right now.
- In this series we are going to look at categories of miracles so that we understand the sorts of things that God does. Then we will believe God to intervene in our lives!
- **Part Sevens: Provision Miracles.**
- Some of the most famous miracles in the Bible are provision miracles.
 - Examples: Manna from heaven, water from a rock, turning water to wine, feeding the 5,000 and 4,000, miraculous catch of fish, etc.
 - Have you experienced provision miracles in your life? What are some examples?
- Peter’s second miraculous catch of fish.
 - When Jesus called Peter to follow Him he caught a huge amount of fish. (Luke 5)
 - Remember, Jesus said, “I will make you fishers of men.”
 - At this point, Jesus had been captured, crucified, died, and rose again.
 - Peter had also denied Jesus three times. That wasn’t good considering teachings like **Luke 9:62 and Matthew 10:32-33.**
 - Even though Jesus is risen, Peter hasn’t made it right with Jesus yet.
 - **John 21:1-19**
 - Peter goes out to fish. Was he going back to his old life??
 - Peter jumps out of the boat. Wow. He swam 100 yards.
 - 153 fish. That’s a nice paycheck.
 - Jesus has breakfast with them before talking to Peter. Tension anyone?
 - Three denials, three questions. Then reinstatement, “follow me!”
- Discuss the difference between amazing provision miracles vs. normal everyday provision from God.
 - Normal everyday provision from God is described in **Matthew 6:24-34. (emphasis Matt 6:33)**
 - Principles from Matthew 6 on receiving provision from God:
 - Don’t serve money, serve God instead. Have you ever gotten that backwards?
 - Money makes a great servant but an evil master!
 - Don’t worry, trust God for provision instead. Have you ever gotten that backwards?
 - You are worth something to God. Do you think God wants to take care of you?
 - A good shepherd has happy healthy sheep.
 - God knows that you need material provision. That is morally acceptable!
 - **Matthew 6:33.** Don’t seek God’s provision first, seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness.
 - Do right by God first. Then you have a right to expect Him to take care of you.
 - Mess this up and you get **James 4:2-3.**
 - Basic concept of tithing:
 - Get saved: pledge your life to Christ.
 - Join the group so you can do your part for the cause of Christ.
 - Finance the cause of Christ through Tithes and offerings.
 - Let God bless you financially/professionally so your tithe grows.
 - God doesn’t bump up the tithe for those doing well!
 - You are strong and the church is strong. God’s truth goes forth.
 - Neglected calling – the tithing business person.
 - If a bunch of people do this the Kingdom will be empowered.
- Pray for each other before you finish up!