



Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on thorncreek.church/live)

Warming up

1. What's your favorite movie about a miracle?

Digging Deeper & Application

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. Have you ever seen or experienced a miracle? Share with your group.

3. Read Exodus 7-11
 - a. How many plagues did God send on Egypt
 - b. Were these plagues miracles? Why or why not.
 - c. What was God's purpose in sending the plagues?
 - d. Why does God choose to perform miracles at all?

4. Read Exodus 14:1-14
 - a. What were the Israelites fearful of?
 - b. What was their attitude?
 - c. Why did they have that attitude?
 - d. How did Moses respond?
 - e. What is going on in your life where you need to be calm and trust in the Lord?

5. Read Matthew 8:23-27
 - a. What was Jesus doing when the storm came upon the boat?
 - b. Why wasn't Jesus afraid like the disciples?
 - c. Why did Jesus say they had "little faith"?
 - d. Which do you want, the miracle or Jesus in the boat?

6. Read Psalm 23



- a. Why is the psalmist secure?
 - b. What does the psalmist focus on most?
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7. Read Philippians 3:7-11
 - a. What does it mean to know Christ?
 - b. What do you consider “garbage” in light of knowing Christ?
 - c. Is there anything that you are holding onto that keeps you from pursuing Jesus completely?

Application

Below are some of the points or quotes shared in the message.
Discuss how they apply to your life.

- FAN = An enthusiastic admirer
- FOLLOWER = A devoted disciple
- The Fan recognizes that God can perform miracles and that He does, but they fail to understand the purpose.
- The Follower of Jesus understands the primary purpose of a miracle is to illuminate the Miracle Giver.
- Remember, God’s purpose in miracles is to point you to the Miracle Giver. He wants your eyes to be fixed on Him, regardless of the situation. God is kind and gentle as he draws us to himself.
- When we need a miracle, our attitude matters.
- We can become fearful when the crisis hits. When the unexpected happens. And we scream and yell to Jesus.
- You don’t need the miracle, you need the miracle giver. Jesus is IN the boat!
- Jesus promises to be with us always.
- The Fan wants to know the miracles of God and call on Him only when needed. The Follower wants to know Christ at an intimate level.