



## Teach & Talk Study Guide

### Session One: The Ministry of Miracles

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*Use the following **Study Guide** and **Discussion Questions** in your Community Groups.  
Encourage others in your group to download these notes at [abundantlifebaltimore.com/resources](http://abundantlifebaltimore.com/resources).*

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#### Miracle Mindset

- We do not seek miracles for the sake of miracles.
- The Apostle’s prayer for “signs and wonders” was so that it would be **an opportunity to speak God’s Word**.

#### Acts 4:29-30 NKJV

“Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants **that with all boldness they may speak Your word, by** stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus.”

- The motivation of miracles must be out of Love.
- Paul lists many miraculous things but strongly states the necessity of love (**I Corinthians 13:1-3 NKJV**)

## What Brings Miracles?

- Our Need
- God's love and compassion

Mark 6:34-36, 42 NKJV

“And Jesus, when He came out, saw a great multitude and was moved with compassion for them, because they were like sheep not having a shepherd. So He began to teach them many things [...] When the day was now far spent, His disciples came to Him and said, “This is a deserted place, and already the hour is late. Send them away, that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy themselves bread; for they have nothing to eat.” And when He had taken the five loaves and the two fish, He looked up to heaven, blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to His disciples to set before them; and the two fish He divided among them all. So they all ate and were filled.”

- Our Faith
- A heart to believe and a desire to glorify God

Mark 2:3-5, 10-12 NKJV

“Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men. And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven you.” But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins” —He said to the paralytic, “I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.” Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!””

## What is a Miracle?

*They are events that are seen, but cannot be explained. They are undeniable, and at the same time, inexplicable.*

## “Signs, Wonders, and Miracles”

### (1) Semeion – most often translated “sign”.

- This word indicates that a miracle is evidence of divine authority.
- A miracle is a sign that points to God and to His power.
- Miracles themselves are secondary in importance to their purpose – demonstrating the power and authority of God.

### (2) Teras – most often translated “wonders”.

- This word indicates that a miracle is startling and amazing.
- A miracle invokes awe and wonder.

### (3) Endoxos – translated as “miracles” and “works”.

- This word emphasizes miracles as a work that reveals the glory of God.
- A miracle reflects and reveals the presence and power of God.

#### We can define *miracles* as:

“An amazing supernatural event, that unmistakably points to God -- revealing His glory and proving His authority.”

## The Purpose of Miracles

- Miracles demonstrate the power and authority of God.
- Miracles revealed the spheres in which God exercises authority.
  - There were miracles in the realms of nature, demons, sickness and disease, the physical and the emotional, and death.
- Miracles serve the purpose of ministering to the needs of people.

## Conclusion

- Miracles still exist today.
- We, as the Apostolic Church, should believe in, and expect miracles. Miracles naturally accompany the preaching of the Gospel.

# Small Group Discussion Guide

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*The questions below are options for group leaders to help facilitate discussion.  
You may use all or some of the questions as needed based on the needs of the group.*

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1. Ask one or two group members to share about a miracle that they have witnessed. *These can be used as a point of celebration and illustration for later questions. We will have plenty of opportunities to share more miracle stories throughout the discussion and future sessions.*
2. What are examples of an immature mindset of miracles?
3. Why is it important for us to have a biblical mindset about miracles?  
*(Possible responses: Know how to pray, guard from deception of the antichrist, align with God's Will)*
4. It was said that God's love is one of the primary underlying motivations for miracles. How has that been true in your life? (See 1 Corinthians 13:1-3)
5. A need and our faith were mentioned as two factors that can generate miracles. What are other factors that are important for us to experience the miraculous?  
*(Possible responses: God's compassion, for God to be glorified, a heart to believe)*
6. What can cause the absence of miracles? Why don't we see more miracles?  
*(Possible responses: doubt, dependency on other things, self-sufficiency, pride)*
7. Can you identify a miracle (recorded in the Bible or in recent history) that illustrates God demonstrating His authority? demonstrating His Love/compassion?
8. What miracle are you praying for today?