

SERMON NOTES

Date: November 4, 2018

Series: Messy Church

Title: The Gifts of Miracles and Healings

Text: 1 Corinthians 12:28

Big Idea: God is still a miracle-working God, but miracle-workers and healers are not for the church today.

DISCUSS THE ISSUE

1. How would you define a miracle biblically?
2. Why don't we see miracles today like we read about in the days of the apostles?
3. What do these passages indicate about the purpose of miracles?
 - Exodus 4:1-9, 30-31
 - 2 Kings 17:18-24
 - John 3:2
 - Luke 7:22
4. Why do you think some Christians are obsessed with miracles and healings, while other Christians seem skeptical?
5. Do you see yourself expecting too much or too little when it comes to God's miraculous intervention in the world? What needs to change in your perspective, and is there anything you need to turn from and repent?
6. What do you think might happen if a family, a small group, or a church catches catches a vision for humbly expecting God to miraculously work in this world according to his will, in his time, and for the praise of his glorious grace?
7. Do you have a personal story of a miracle or healing God has graciously brought into your life? What has this taught you about the nature and character of God? Spend time worshipping him for his miraculous work in your life and in the lives of others.

COMMIT THIS WEEK

James teaches that God responds in miraculous ways to the confession of sin and the humble prayers of his people (James 5:13-20). Commit to praying purposefully for the people in your small group or in your closet circle believing friends. Commit to asking for prayer as you confess your struggles with sin and temptation.