

WONDERS

Series Title: **WONDERS**

Date: March 24, 2024

Leader's Notes:

1. Start and end the life group on time.
2. Facilitate discussions with your group and **give all attendees opportunities to share their thoughts**. Encourage participation.

Life Group Discussion Proper

WORSHIP: (15 mins)

Option 1: In person - Home gatherings

Suggestions: Assign someone to lead worship or play two praise & worship songs from You Tube.

Option 2: In person gatherings at a public place (at the park, school campus or café) or

Online home gatherings (via Zoom or other online meeting platform)

Suggestions: Ask three to four people to share testimonies of answered prayers or ask the group, "What are you thankful to God about this past week?"

Main Text: Psalm 78:1-8 NLT

Key Verse: *We will not hide these truths from our children; we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the Lord, about his power and his mighty wonders. (Psalm 78:4 NLT)*

Intro: God through Moses commanded His people whom He delivered from Egyptian bondage to tell some specific things to the next generations. It was during the reign of King David and King Solomon, (around 400 to 500 years after the time of Moses) that the Psalmist Asaph wrote Psalm 78. Many generations after, Asaph continued to obey this command for the Israelites to re-tell these truths to their children, generation after generation.

WELCOME:(15 mins): IWC - Introduce yourself. Welcome guests/first-time visitors. Cheerfully call someone to do the same.

Ice-breaker: Ask the group and give time for participation.

Q: Have you ever been in a place where you became in awe of the magnificence of the view like a place that took your breath away? For example, places like Whistler, BC, Banff, Niagara Falls, Grand Canyon, etc.? Please describe your experience?

Q: What is your definition of "wonders?"

Wonders— extraordinary or amazing things, events, or phenomena that evoke a sense of awe, admiration, or surprise. also refer to miracles, marvels, or remarkable achievements.

WORD (30–45 mins)

1. What God did for His people in Egypt and in the wilderness – Read Deuteronomy 11:1-5,18-21, Psalm 78:1-16

God delivered Israel from Pharaoh and Egypt with His mighty hand. Through ten plagues, He brought Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, to his knees, compelling him to release God's people. Israel crossed the Red Sea on dry ground while the Egyptian army drowned. In the wilderness, God provided manna, bread from heaven, for Israel to eat and caused water to flow from rocks.

They were guided by a pillar of fire at night and a pillar of cloud during the day, all in fulfillment of His covenant with their ancestor Abraham. Before they possessed the promise land, God commanded them to never forget His wonders and to tell these stories to the generations to come so they will also put their trust and hope in the Lord and do not become like their unbelieving, rebellious, stubborn and unfaithful ancestors.

Discussion Questions:

Q: Would you relate the last time you experienced God's amazing wonder/s over your life, your family?

Continuation:

The Psalmist Asaph reminds us the importance of meditating on all the wonders of God in our life specially during a difficult time in his life. **Read Psalm 77:11-14.** He also made it a habit to think of the wonders of God in the past to encourage him to trust the Lord in the present.

Q: In what area of your life do you desire for God to perform His wonders? (ex. personal, family, ministry, etc.)

As followers of Christ, we have encountered numerous wonders of God in Christ Jesus. It is crucial to constantly remember these experiences, continue trusting Him and share them with others, including future generations. It is crucial to constantly remember these experiences, continue trusting Him and share them with others, including future generations.

Our aim in remembering or meditating His wonders is to help us stay the course and help others understand who God is and help many partake in everything He has in store for those who will faithfully follow Him.

Q: Since you became a follower of Christ, would you be able to share some wonders He performed over your life?

Application:

At the heart of the Great Commission is to disciple others who make disciples. ***God saved us in order to be His followers and in the process lead many to the salvation of Christ and become His followers.*** **Read Matthew 28:18-20.** The wonders of God's love and salvation, which we have received in Christ, should be shared widely—from our homes to the marketplace, school campuses, communities, and the mission field—so that many others may also experience and enjoy them.

2. What do they tell the Israelites to do?

The promise of more wonders to come – God through Moses promised that in the same way God performed wonders in Egypt and the wilderness, God will miraculously provide for them and enable them to overcome the obstacles and give the land He promised Abraham.

Read ***Deuteronomy 11:8-15 NIV***

Application:

As the people of God, the salvation that God provided to us through His Son is only the beginning of seeing many of His wondrous works in our life in Christ. Read John 10:10, 2 Cor.3:18

Q: Do you know people you can share the wonders God has performed over your life?

Conclusion:

The way we live our lives can leave a powerful imprint on the next generation. As followers of Christ, we bear the responsibility of sharing with our children and grandchildren the marvelous blessings that God has bestowed upon us. This includes, sharing our personal encounter with Christ, our salvation journey and the everyday miracles we experience in our walk with the Lord.

We are to share these wondrous stories of God's greatness and power with the next generation, and continue doing so without ceasing. If that is not yet the case, it is never too late to start doing so today.

WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST TAKE-AWAY FROM THE LESSON?

Tell your group to partner with someone and ask this question to their partner.

Q: What impacted you the most from this lesson?

WORK: The Challenge & Closing prayer (15 mins.)

1. Memorize a verse from your devotions this week and be prepared to share it on our next gathering.
2. Please take time in your smaller groups to pray for one another. If there are specific needs, take time to lift them up to God in prayer as well. Ask each other, "***what can I pray for you?***"

Leader's Notes:

1. Please remind your group of your next gathering and ask them to invite a friend.
2. Please encourage the group to remember to pray for one another during the week.
3. Assign someone to share from his/her devotion to the group next week. (*min. of 5mins.*)