

WONDERS

Title: **KINGDOM WONDERS**

Date: **August 18, 2024**

Leader's Tips:

- S** - Sensitivity with others. No one should feel left out.
- P** - Participation is encouraged during discussion.
- A** - Acknowledge guests. Make them feel welcome.
- C** - Confidentiality is key. What is shared stays in the group.
- E** - Encourage the group to pray for one another.

WORSHIP: (15 mins)

Venue Option 1: Home gatherings

Sing one or two songs or play a song from You Tube.

Venue Option 2: Public place (school, café, park, etc.) or **Via Online**, ask, "What is your "high" or "your "low" this past week.

WELCOME:(15 mins): Welcome everyone in the group.

Ice-breaker/ Humor: A church sign says, "How will you spend eternity? Smoking or Non-smoking?"

Key Verse: "He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." Luke 9:2

WORD (30–45 mins) - Text: Luke 9:1-2, 10:1-11, 16-20 NIV

Intro: As Christians, we thank God for the finished work of Christ on the cross. But He has something more in store for us to experience, the wonders of His Kingdom through us. Let us discover these wonders in this lesson.

1. The effect of God's Kingdom on the devil and his kingdom—Read vv. 17-18

This passage shows a parallel illustration between a victorious army showing strength over conquered lands and Jesus establishing His Kingdom on earth. Just as an army demonstrates its power, Jesus came to reclaim His territory against demonic forces, and establish God's authority. Before beginning His ministry, Jesus confronted the devil during His 40-day fast, leaving the devil with no choice but to submit to His authority. Following this, everything Jesus did on earth manifested the reality of His divine rule. **Read Luke 11:14-22 NIV**

Q: When was the last time you exercised spiritual authority as a follower of Christ?

Q: Is there a current situation in your life do you need to exercise your spiritual authority as a child of God?

2. People's lives were transformed—Read vv.1-2

Jesus empowered His disciples with His authority, instructing them to proclaim the good news of God's Kingdom and demonstrate His rule by healing the sick and casting out demons. Having been with Jesus, they were now delegated by His authority and sent to continue His work.

Q: What challenges do you think did the disciples face when carrying out the mission Jesus gave them?

Q: What challenges can we face in today's world when it comes to sharing the good news ?

"Human instruments are essential in bringing God's kingdom to others."

The wonders of God's Kingdom on earth occurred when the disciples followed the Lord's direction to preach the good news. They were deeply moved by witnessing the impact of God's Kingdom on people's lives through their ministry.

In Luke 10:2, Jesus also commanded the disciples to pray to God the Father for more workers to join them.

This verse emphasizes the crucial role of every believer in Jesus' mission to save souls. The task of bringing lost people into God's Kingdom requires the active participation of all believers, not just a few. If more harvesters had been sent in Jesus' time, many more lives would have been impacted. Today, billions of lost people need Christ, yet few are actively working to save them. The Lord calls us to pray for all believers to join in this mission.

Q: How can we apply the example of the disciples in Luke 9:1-2 to our own lives or in our life groups?

Conclusion: The Christian is all about following Jesus our Lord all the way to the harvest field and bringing people to Christ. The responsibility of going into the harvest field and gathering the lost is not limited to pastors, evangelists, prophets, teachers, and apostles; it is a mission for every follower of Christ.

Let's make it our prayer for us reach and make a difference in the lives of people who do not know Him yet as Lord and Savior. He wants us to share the joy of living lives transformed by the gospel and the power of Jesus' name.

Q: What is your take-away from the discussion? Partner with someone in prayer.

WORK: The Challenge (15 mins.)

P- Pray for one another. Ask "**what can I pray for you?**" (7mins.)

R- Remind to invite a friend on the next gathering.

A- Apply the message during the week.

Y- Yearn to share your faith with some one during the week.