

# WONDERS

Title: **THE GOD OF WONDERS**

Date: **September 8, 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:** "One day Jesus walks past a group of Pharisees with a Samaritan and a leper, one Pharisee says, "Is this a joke?" And Jesus replies, "No, it's a parable."

*(a modified version from wordpress.com)*

**Key Verses: Luke 17:17-19**

## WORD (30–45 mins) - Read Psalm 65:8 NIV, Luke 17:11-19

**Intro:** Our God is truly the God of wonders! He is the God of miracles and awe-inspiring acts. When we place our faith and trust in Him, He intervenes in supernatural ways. What can we learn from our text this morning about this?

### 1. GOD MEETS PEOPLE WITH GREAT NEEDS IN SUPERNATURAL WAYS – Read Luke 17: 11-16

**Q: When was the last time we experienced God meeting us in some supernatural ways?**

Often, when we find ourselves in desperate situations, we turn wholeheartedly to God. We pray fervently, cry out for a miracle, and place all our hope in Him. In God's infinite love, compassion, and grace, He intervenes—He delivers us and grants us the miracle we so desperately seek. We are spared from possible disaster or tragedy.

But then what happens? Once our lives returns to normal, we often fall back into our old patterns, living for ourselves instead of living for God. Of course, there's no denying that God showed up during our time of greatest need. Yet sadly, for many of us, that becomes the end of the story. We forget the promises we made to God during those desperate moments.

**Q: Was there ever a time in our lives when we said, "God, if You would only bring me through this situation...?"**

**Q: Did we return to God and express our gratitude after He fulfilled His part of the deal?**

### Application:

God desires to respond to our prayers and meet us in our desperate situations, but we must also know how to respond with gratitude once we receive His help.

### 2. GOD EXPECTS THOSE HE HAS HELPED TO BE THANKFUL AND GIVE HIM GLORY – vv.15-19

After healing the ten lepers, Jesus praised the Samaritan who returned to express his gratitude, while being disappointed with the others who did not. Read V.17. God expects and desires that we live with a heart of gratitude for His mercy and grace, never taking them for granted. Read V.18

**Application:** God wants us to be a grateful people after He has done good, after He has saved us from sin and its consequences. We can express our gratitude to God daily and when we gather to worship together as His people.

**Q: How can we express our gratitude to God daily for saving us from sin and its consequences?**

**Q: In what practical ways do we demonstrate our gratitude to God on a daily basis?**

### 3. GOD DESIRES THOSE HE HAS HELPED SUPERNATURALLY TO BE INSTRUMENTAL IN HIS HELPING OTHERS AS WELL—

God desires to perform miracles and display His power regardless of our response, but He desires more than just our gratitude. He wants us to be transformed into instruments of His love, using our own experiences of brokenness to help others in similar situations.

**Q: How can our experiences of brokenness help encourage others?**

**Conclusion:** God desires to exponentially expand His work in every individual He has miraculously touched by sending them as agents of His love but most especially in sharing the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to others.

**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