

**GREATER
THINGS**
41 DAYS OF MIRACLES

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IN JOHN 14 JESUS PROMISED THAT WE WOULD DO EVEN GREATER THINGS THAN HE! WHAT AN AMAZING PROMISE! BUT WHAT WAS HE ACTUALLY TALKING ABOUT? THE FOLLOWING "6 WEEK CELL TALK SERIES" GOES THROUGH THE SIGNS JESUS PERFORMED PREVIOUS TO HIS COMMENT. THESE ARE THE SIGNS JESUS SAID WE CAN DO AND MORE! YOU CAN HAVE A GREATER THINGS LIFESTYLE! ARE YOU READY?

SOAP

EACH WEEK WE HAVE LEFT A TIME FOR YOU TO GO THROUGH THE BIBLE PASSAGE WITH THE SOAP APPLICATION. THIS WILL GIVE CONSISTENCY AND FLEXIBILITY TO THE CELL DISCUSSIONS. JUST ADD IN SOME OF THE QUESTIONS WE HAVE PROVIDED AS IT FITS AND AS THE SPIRIT LEADS.

SCRIPTURE - READ THE SCRIPTURE.

OBSERVATION - WHAT DO YOU OBSERVE FROM THE TEXT, WHAT STANDS OUT?

APPLICATION - HOW CAN WE APPLY THIS TO OUR LIVES?

PRAYER - PRAY ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE AND APPLICATION

WEEK 1: WATER TO WINE

WELCOME

CONVERSATION STARTER: If you had any super power what would it be and why? How would you use it?

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WORSHIP

SONG: "God of this City" by Chris Tomlin

PRAYER: Dream how your life could be better, what would it look like? Dream how your community could look more like Heaven. As you listen to the song above pray that Greater Things will come to you and the city/town you live in.

WORD

READ: John 2:1-11

SOAP

QUESTIONS:

- What is going on in this story?
- Where did the miracle take place? What does that say about where miracles should occur?
- What factors lead to Jesus performing this miracle? Do you think God would still respond to such factors today?
- Describe Jesus' mother's faith. What would that look like in your life?
- When did the water turn to wine? Discuss the links between obedience, faith and the miracle.
- Verse 10 speaks about saving the best for last. Many people say that this is referring to the old covenant being outdone by the new covenant. Do you see the link between the old covenant, and the new covenant? What are the differences?
- How can we apply these teachings to our lives?
- Is the best yet to come?

WITNESS

ACTIVITY: Write down some hopes and expectations that you have for the 41 days of miracles. Spend time in prayer asking God to blow these expectations out of the water.

WEEK 2: HEALING THE SICK

WELCOME

CONVERSATION STARTER: Name a time that you have been frightened to say something to someone because you didn't know how they'll respond.

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WORSHIP

TESTIFY: How are the challenges in the "Greater Things" book going?

SONG: "Healer" by Hillsong (Also sung by Jesus Culture and Planetshakers)

PRAYER: Ask yourself if God needs to heal something in your life. Is it physical? Is it emotional or... Ask God to heal you. Then spend some time praying for all the sick people you know as you sing along to the song. **Check out the appendix How to Heal the sick in "Greater Things."*

WORD

READ: Read John 4:46-54 and John 5:1-18

SOAP

QUESTIONS:

Split the group in half and assign the first group with John 4:46-54 and the second group with John 5:1-18. Get each team to do SOAP and then answer the following questions.

After that join the two groups back together and go through the answers.

Who initiated the miracle and after what circumstances?

What motivated Jesus to heal?

What words did Jesus use to heal the sick?

How did the people in the story respond to the miracle?

Once you have answered these questions, ask the following questions: (do these questions as one group)

Who should initiate miracles and after what circumstances?

What should motivate us to heal the sick?

What sort of prayers/words should we use to heal the sick?

What should we do or say to people once they have witnessed a miracle?

WITNESS

ACTIVITY: *As a group:* Make a prayer list and pray for the sick every day. Report all your testimonies back next week.

WEEK 3: FEEDING THE HUNGRY

WELCOME

CONVERSATION STARTER: What is the hungriest you have been? How did it feel to finally eat afterward? What is something you have wanted more than anything then finally received it? How did you feel?

XP VIDEO: <http://www.xpmedia.com/Vbeqc8gNMmB9>

WORSHIP

TESTIFY: How are the challenges in the “Greater Things” book going?

SONG: “Can I have More of You” by Kim Walker

PRAYER: “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they shall be filled! Everyone grab an empty cup. Have some jugs of water ready. As you sing along to Kim Walkers song, “Can I have more of You”, imagine you are the cup and Gods Spirit is the water. As you sing along pour the water into your cup and let it overflow symbolizing the Spirit filling you up. Pray for each other, laying hands and asking God to fill them with Holy Spirit.

WORD

READ: John 6:1-14

SOAP

QUESTIONS:

What is the purpose of a sign? (any sign in the world)

What did the signs in this passage point to?

What motivated Jesus to feed the crowd?

What did Jesus use to perform the miracle?

How did Jesus transform the boys petty offering? What does that teach us?

What is the significance of the remaining baskets of food?

What things in the natural do you need to do or give for a miracle to take place?

What are your loaves and fishes?

WITNESS

ACTIVITY: The proceeds from the “Greater Things” book goes towards preventing sex trafficking in Cambodia. These people are hungry for justice, hungry for peace, and hungry for opportunity. The Kingdom of God is full of these things. Take up a collection or plan a fundraiser to raise some more money for the XP social justice project in Cambodia. Check out the website for more details: <http://www.xpmissions.com/cambodiacenter.html>

Download Prayer guides here:

http://www.xpmissions.com/pdf/Decree_of_Assurance_Cambodia.pdf

http://www.xpmissions.com/pdf/Decree_for_the_NATIONS.pdf

WEEK 4: WALKING ON WATER

WELCOME

CONVERSATION STARTER: Have you ever been in fear of your life? What is the most afraid you have ever been? What happened?

XP VIDEO: <http://www.xpmedia.com/JZmz2TkYE54G>

WORSHIP

TESTIFY: How are the challenges in the “Greater Things” book going?

SONG: “Revelation Song” sung by Jesus Culture

PRAYER: As you sing worship God for His creation. Remember that He is the Lord of All creation. Pray for those who are suffering because of natural disasters.

WORD

READ: John 6:15-25

SOAP

QUESTIONS:

Describe what it may have felt like to be on the boat on the dark and stormy night.

Have you ever felt like that?

What affect did the storm have on Jesus?

What did Jesus show He had authority over in this story? (hint: it's not just the storm)

What should our response to Jesus authority be?

What were the men doing when they saw Jesus? (v19)

What happened once Jesus came on their boat? (21)

What areas of your life have you been rowing hard? What areas of your life are you trying really hard?

Have you let Jesus on your boat?

What would it look like for Jesus to be on your boat in a storm?

How can we apply this helping others?

WITNESS

ACTIVITY: Look through the news papers or news/weather channels and find where the nature is about to or is causing problems for people. For example is there a drought, tornadoes, or cyclones, hurricanes about to hit? As a group pray against it in faith believing that Jesus has authority over nature.

WEEK 5: MAKING THE BLIND SEE

WELCOME

CONVERSATION STARTER: What has been the most breathtaking view you have ever seen? What would your life look like if you lost the use of your eyes tomorrow?

XP VIDEO: <http://www.xpmedia.com/AWOpcLFZuuKX>

WORSHIP

TESTIFY: How are the challenges in the “Greater Things” book going?

SONG: “You’ll Come” by Hillsong United

PRAYER: Spend time in prayer for the salvation of those who do not know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Think about hell, and the life they are living now. Ask God to bring them into the revelation of the light of the glory of Christ. (2 Corinthians 4)

WORD

READ: John 9:1-41

SOAP

QUESTIONS:

Why was the man born blind?

What method did Jesus use to heal the man?

If healing the blind is a “sign” what does it point towards? (What is the spiritual application to blindness that Jesus makes?)

How did the man who was healed demonstrate faith?

What was the reaction of the “religious” people? Why do you think they have this reaction?

What was the difference between the way the parents described the healing and the way the man described his healing? Which way brings more glory to God?

Why did the man believe that Jesus was of God?

What attitude does this passage teach us to have?

If you were to place yourself in this story, who would you be?

WITNESS

ACTIVITY: As a group make a salvation prayer list. Each person write down three names of those who need Jesus. Then pray for all these people by name that they will be saved soon!

WEEK 6: RAISING THE DEAD

WELCOME

CONVERSATION STARTER: What was the most unbelievable storyline of a movie you have watched? What made it unbelievable? Think of a movie that you wished could come true, what would it be and why? What prevents it from happening today? (e.g. is it lack of technology, money etc?)

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WORSHIP

TESTIFY: How are the challenges in the “Greater Things” book going?

SONG: “Nothing is Impossible” by Planetshakers

PRAYER: As the song plays ask God for the seemingly impossible. Pray with faith, expectation and praise that He is more than able!

WORD

READ: John 11:1-46

SOAP

QUESTIONS:

Why did Jesus not hurry back? Do you think we can use the same logic for explaining why Jesus does not always heal when we want Him to? Why? Why not?

Why did Jesus use the phrase “Wake him up” to the disciples?

Is it any easier for Jesus to wake up the sleeping than it is to raise the dead?

Can you identify with Martha who believed Jesus could have done something in the past, and will do something in the future but finds it hard to believe for the present?

How can we use the past and future to build out faith?

What was the spiritual application Jesus gave for the miracle?

What method did Jesus use to raise the dead?

What motivated Jesus to raise Lazarus?

Meditate on verse 40. Will you choose to believe even when faced with impossible situations?

WITNESS

ACTIVITY: Every participant is to be given a dead plant. Take it home and ask God to bring it to life. This exercise will test and build your faith and teach you to believe for the impossible! (You may need to start off with a live plant and let it die before you start praying. Sounds crazy but do it in faith so that when the day comes to raise the dead you know how you’re going to pray!)