



Ministry of Biblical Studies

FEBRUARY BIBLE STUDY SERIES

February 19th @ 11am | Signs and Wonders in the Early Church



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Welcome to the Metropolitan Community Church
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“Signs and Wonders in the Early Church”
11:00am - 11:45am

Scripture Focus:

- **Acts 3:1–10** (Healing of the lame man at the temple gate)

Introduction to Signs and Wonders

What are signs and wonders?

- Definition: Extraordinary acts that demonstrate God’s power and validate His presence and message.

Key Verse:

- Acts 2:43 – “Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.”

Purpose of Signs and Wonders:

- To confirm the gospel message.
- To reveal God’s glory.
- To build faith and draw people to Christ.

Scripture Study: Acts 3:1–10

Context of the Passage:

- This event occurred shortly after Pentecost, as the apostles began their ministry in the power of the Holy Spirit.
- The lame man had been begging at the temple gate for years, a familiar figure to many worshipers.

Detailed Breakdown of the Passage:

- **Verses 1–3:** Peter and John encounter the lame man begging for alms at the temple gate.
- **Verses 4–6:** Peter declares that he has no money but offers healing through the name of Jesus Christ.
- **Verses 7–8:** The man is healed immediately, leaps up, and begins praising God.
- **Verses 9–10:** Witnesses are amazed and filled with wonder, recognizing the man who had been lame.

Key Lessons on Signs and Wonders in the Early Church

Signs and Wonders Glorify Jesus

- The apostles made it clear that the healing was done in Jesus' name, not by their own power.

Key Verse: Acts 3:16 – “By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong.”

Application: In everything we do, we must point others to Jesus as the source of all blessings and miracles.

Faith and Boldness Activate Miracles

- Peter and John acted boldly in faith, trusting in the power of Jesus to heal.

Application: We, too, are called to step out in faith, trusting God to work through us to accomplish His will.

Signs and Wonders Draw People to Christ

- The miracle led to amazement and opened the door for Peter to preach the gospel (Acts 3:11–26).

Application: Miracles are not just for personal benefit but are tools to draw others into a relationship with Christ.

God Uses Ordinary People to Do Extraordinary Things

- Peter and John were ordinary men empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Application: God can use anyone who is willing and available to display His power.

Reflection Questions:

- Why is it significant that the healing was done in Jesus' name?
- How can we boldly act in faith when we encounter needs in our community?
- How can signs and wonders in today's church draw people closer to God?

Practical Application

Living in Expectation of Signs and Wonders:

- Pray daily for opportunities to demonstrate God's love and power.
- Be sensitive to the Holy Spirit's prompting to act in faith.

Faith Challenge for the Week:

- Identify someone in need (physical, emotional, or spiritual) and boldly pray for God to intervene in their situation.

Closing

Summarize Key Points:

- Signs and wonders in the early church glorified Jesus, strengthened faith, and opened doors for the gospel.
- We are called to walk in faith, trusting that God's power is still active today.

Closing Prayer

Homework Assignment:

- Read Acts 4:23–31 and reflect on the early church's prayer for boldness. Write down one way you can pray for boldness and expect God to show His power in your life this week.

