



Ministry of Biblical Studies

JANUARY BIBLE STUDY SERIES

January 15th @ 11am | Miracles in Our Midst

2025

Embracing the Miraculous Journey Ahead:

MIRACLES SIGNS WONDERS

"And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." Mark 16: 17-18



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Welcome to the Metropolitan Community Church Ministry of Biblical Study Classes

January 15, 2024

“Miracles in Our Midst”

11:00am - 11:45am

Objective:

To deepen understanding of God’s ongoing work through miracles, both seen and unseen, and to inspire believers to recognize and participate in the miraculous presence of God in their daily lives.

Key Scripture Passage:

1. Luke 17: 20-21

“The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed; nor will they say, ‘Look, here it is!’ or ‘There!’ For behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.”

I. Understanding the Miracles in the Bible

Definition of Miracles

- Divine interventions that defy natural laws and reveal God’s power and purpose.
- Miracles often serve as signs pointing to God’s presence and His kingdom.

Biblical Examples of Miracles

- Provision: Feeding of the 5,000 (John 6:1-14).
- Healing: The woman with the issue of blood (Mark 5:25-34).
- Deliverance: Paul and Silas freed from prison (Acts 16:25-34).

Discussion Question:

- What do these examples teach us about God’s character and His care for His people?

II. Recognizing Miracles in Our Midst

Everyday Miracles

- The miracle of life: waking up, breath, and good health.
- The miracle of provision: food, shelter, and opportunities.
- The miracle of relationships: restoration, forgiveness, and love.

Unseen Miracles

- Protection from dangers we never realized.
- God's guidance in decision-making.
- Strength to endure challenges (Isaiah 41:10).

Activity:

- Reflect and share a personal testimony of a moment when you recognized God's miraculous hand in your life.

III. Living As a Witness to God's Miracles

Faith in Action

- Hebrews 11:1 – "Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."
- Believe that miracles are happening, even when they are not immediately visible.

Becoming a Vessel for Miracles

- Acts of kindness, prayer, and intercession can open the door for miracles in others' lives.
- Example: The faith of the friends who brought the paralytic to Jesus (Mark 2:1-12).

Building an Atmosphere of Expectation

- Worship, prayer, and gratitude prepare our hearts for God's miraculous work.
- Philippians 4:6-7 – "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

IV. Miracles as Part of God's Kingdom

The Kingdom of God Is Here

- Jesus' ministry revealed that miracles are evidence of God's reign breaking into our world.
- Luke 11:20 – "But if I drive out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you."

Participating in the Kingdom

- Pray for God's will to be done "on earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:10).
- Seek opportunities to bring healing, hope, and restoration in your community.

Discussion Question:

- How can we as a church be more attuned to the miracles God is doing in our midst and use them to glorify His name?

Conclusion and Application

- **Reflection:** Take time this week to journal about the miracles in your life—both big and small.
- **Action:** Commit to praying daily for God to open your eyes to His miraculous works and for the faith to step into His plans.

Memory Verse:

Psalms 77:14 – "You are the God who performs miracles; you display your power among the peoples."

Closing Prayer:

"Lord, we thank You for being the God of miracles. Open our eyes to see Your hand in our lives and strengthen our faith to trust in Your power. Help us to recognize and celebrate Your wonders in our midst and use us to bring glory to Your name. In Jesus' name, Amen."

