

WARM-UP

- Has something unbelievable ever happened before your eyes? What was the experience like?
- Name some of your basic needs. What do you think will happen if these run out?
- Share about good news you've received recently. How did you share this with your friends and family?

WORD *Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them.*

LUKE 4:40

(Read also **LUKE 4:39, 41-44.**)

Imagine having heard of and seen someone who makes miracles happen. What would you do? People heard about how Jesus had been performing miracles in many places. When Jesus came to Simon's house, He healed his mother-in-law who had a high fever. When the fever left her, she rose and immediately began to serve people. This led the community to see Jesus as a miracle-worker, which led them to bring any who were sick to Him. In this passage, we will see the deeper implications of Jesus being our miracle-worker.

1 | Jesus' miracles met the people's felt needs.

*³⁸And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. ³⁹And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them. ⁴⁰Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. ⁴¹And demons also came out of many, crying, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ. **LUKE 4:38-41***

After seeing Simon's mother-in-law healed by Jesus, people brought many sick people to Him (Luke 4:40). Jesus healed each one and delivered people from spiritual oppression. As a doctor, the author of the Gospel wrote about these miracles, showing that he believed in Jesus' power and ability to heal. People were drawn to Jesus when He saw, felt, and met their needs. What are the physical and spiritual needs you have seen Jesus meet in your life and in others?

2 | Jesus' miracles pointed them to their greatest need.

...⁴³but he said to them, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose."⁴⁴And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

LUKE 4:43-44

In this passage, people needed to be healed from their sicknesses. However, Jesus did not just address their sickness and deliver them from spiritual oppression. He was about to leave them, saying that He must also preach about the kingdom of God to other towns. But before that, He revealed Himself to them and opened their eyes to the gospel—the answer to their greatest need. His ultimate goal was to seek and save the lost through His sacrifice on the cross. In the same way, Jesus does not only perform miracles in our lives today, but ultimately the good news of the kingdom of God is to be preached in order for people to be saved. How do you think God can use His miracles in your life to reach others with the gospel?

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APPLICATION

- List three things you are asking God for this week. Thank God that His capacity to make miracles happen is not limited by our situations.
- Pray that God would increase your faith to expect and experience miracles in your life and in those around you every day.
- Is there a person you know who is in a desperate situation? How can you be a channel of God's miracle to him or her? Boldly pray for this person's needs this week.

PRAYER

- Ask God to build your faith in Him as a miracle-working God. Pray that He removes any doubt that could be hindering you from fully experiencing His blessings.
- Thank God that He knows each of your needs, big or small. Pray that you would trust God to meet your needs.
- As God works miracles in your life, pray that you would be a conduit of His miracles to others, too. Pray for opportunities to bless one person this week and share your testimony of how God met your needs to him/her.

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