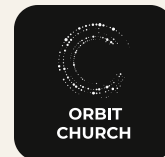


Miracle Workers

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Matthew 9:35-38

FOR THE LEADER

These questions help you run the conversation. They are not your study. Get into the passage yourself first, because your group needs what God taught you, not just a list of questions. These also lean on Sunday's message, so a few will not land for anyone who missed it. Watch it before you lead.

WHAT THE MESSAGE WAS ABOUT

Matthew wraps his miracle chapters between two nearly identical sentences, in 4:23 and 9:35, and the section ends not with applause for Jesus but with a job for us. Pastor Matt walked through the verbs of 9:35: Jesus went, taught, proclaimed, healed, and had compassion. Each one is an assignment, not just a description. Feeling unqualified, tongue-tied, or new to faith exempts nobody. And the action step Jesus gives is not a program. It is a prayer: ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers.

To get started

- What is something you learned to do by watching someone else do it first?

Looking back at the message

Let people say what they remember before anyone tries to tie it together.

- 1 What part of Sunday's message stayed with you through the week?
- 2 Pastor Matt said the Miracle Worker series was never really about Jesus doing miracles. It was about us becoming miracle workers. How did that land compared to what you expected?
- 3 Pastor Matt admitted he can count only a handful of physical healings he has seen, and many more he would call spiritual healings. What did it do for you to hear a pastor say that out loud? OPTIONAL

Looking at the passage

Read Matthew 9:35-38 aloud, slowly, before anyone answers. Let the group notice things that were not in the sermon.

- 4 Read Matthew 9:35. What is Jesus actually doing in this verse? List the verbs.
- 5 Verse 36 says he saw the crowds and had compassion, because they were harassed and helpless. What does the text say caused that condition?
- 6 Matthew 4:23 says almost the same thing as 9:35. When a writer repeats a sentence at both ends of a section, what does that do to everything in between?
- 7 Jesus names a shortage of workers, not a shortage of harvest. What do you notice about where he puts the problem?

Bringing it home

There is no single right answer to any of these. Silence is fine.

- 8 Going, teaching, telling, healing, having compassion. Which of those feels most natural to you, and which feels least like something you would ever do?
- 9 Pastor Matt drew a line between teaching and proclaiming: one explains, the other just reports something true. Where in your normal week would reporting be easier than explaining?
- 10 Pastor Matt said sharing what God has done in you moves people in ways you never see. What have you held back from telling? You do not have to say what it is. OPTIONAL
- 11 What would you want to be true of you before you felt ready for any of this? And who decided that requirement?

The group together

Aim for what this group could actually do, not what a group ideally would.

- 12 Jesus sends the disciples out two by two in the next chapter. What changes when you do hard things with someone instead of alone?
- 13 Pastor Matt refused to give an action step and asked people to pray for workers instead. What do you think he was protecting against?
- 14 Who is already in your life, someone you actually know, that this passage brings to mind?

OPTIONAL

BEFORE YOU FINISH

After sitting with this passage, what is one small thing you are considering trying this week?

You might pray about

- For workers, including the possibility that praying it makes you one
- For the people you know who are, in Matthew's words, harassed and helpless
- For compassion that moves you rather than only informs you
- For the person in this group who feels least equipped