

The Miracle is on the Way

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Matthew 9:18-26

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

Two people came to Jesus on the same day in Matthew 9. One was a synagogue leader whose little girl had just died. The other was a woman who had been bleeding for twelve years. Different lives, same move: they got close to Jesus, and compassion met both of them before the miracle did. Pastor Matt's point is simple. Faith is not a lever we pull to make God act. Faith is nearness. And nearness changes what you can see, starting with the daily mercies God is already handing you on the way to the biggest miracle of all, resurrection.

To get started

- Think of the longest you have ever waited for something that mattered. How did you handle the waiting?

Looking back at the message

Two starting points, two very different weeks. Let people say which one they recognised.

- 1 We usually miss miracles because of how we walked in: tired, hurt, or already decided. Pastor Matt called that the number one reason. Does it ring true for you, or does it sound too simple?
- 2 Faith does not force God's hand, and it does not change his plan. It draws you close. What did you make of that distinction?
- 3 New mercies every morning: Pastor Matt called that a daily miracle. Would you normally use the word miracle for something that ordinary? OPTIONAL

Looking at the passage

Read Matthew 9:18-26 aloud. Matthew tells it far more briefly than Mark or Luke; notice what he leaves out.

- 4 Read Matthew 9:18-26. What does each of the two people actually do, and what do they say?
- 5 The leader walks up front and kneels. The woman slips in from behind and says nothing out loud. What do you notice about the difference?
- 6 Jesus says: take heart, daughter, your faith has healed you. What gets the credit in that sentence, and what does not?
- 7 Matthew tucks one story inside the other instead of telling them separately. What does that do to the way you read them? OPTIONAL

Bringing it home

Twelve years is a long time. Do not rush past anyone for whom that number is not hypothetical.

- 8 Twelve years. That is how long the woman carried her condition before this one day. What does it do to you that the Bible records the waiting, not just the healing?
- 9 You cannot look for the superficial and expect the supernatural. Where has your looking been aimed lately?
- 10 Getting close to Jesus may not change what God was going to do. It changes what you are able to see. Does that comfort you or frustrate you?
- 11 Is there something you have stopped asking God for? You do not have to say what it is.

OPTIONAL

The group together

This passage has a crowd in it that saw nothing. That is worth sitting with.

- 12 A whole crowd pressed against Jesus that day, and one woman noticed the power. What separates being near something from actually seeing it?
- 13 A story moves people in ways a sermon never will. What would make it easier to tell yours here?
- 14 Who in this group is in the middle of a long wait, and what would actually help them this month?

BEFORE YOU FINISH

Where are you standing outside the house waiting right now, and what would looking for Jesus mean this week?

You might pray about

- For those in the middle of a long wait
- For eyes that notice the daily mercies
- For the nerve to press through the crowd
- For stories told out loud so others can see