



## Miracles Then and Now

### Opening Questions:

On a scale of 1-10 (1 being very skeptical and 10 being very convinced), how convinced are you that God does miracles today? What reasons do you have for where you are? Share with the group.

Do you think you would immediately believe a miracle if you saw one, or struggle to believe after the fact? Why do you think this would be your response?

### Read Acts 12:1-9

What jumps out to you in this passage? What strikes you as odd, funny, or especially interesting?

Do you have any questions about this passage that need clarification? See if you can answer those questions together as a group.

In verse 5, the early church was praying for a miracle with Peter in prison. Have you ever prayed for a miracle? If so, what was it? How did God answer your prayer?

Have you ever had any feelings of fear or hesitancy in asking God for a miracle? What were those fears and hesitancies? Why do you think you had them?

Pastor David made multiple points on why he thinks we don't see as many miracles today, compared to what happened with the early church in Acts. He noted 1. It was a different time in Acts, with the gospel being shared in new places; 2. That miracles don't necessarily change people's minds; 3. That miracles are more frequent in parts of the world where they are more needed; and 4. Maybe we don't see many miracles because we aren't convinced enough God actually does miracles today.

Do any of these reasons resonate especially with you? Why? Share with the group.  
Do any struggle with any of these points? Why? Share with the group.

At the end of the message, Pastor David challenged us to pray more boldly for miracles. Is that something you are ready to do? Did you write down a miracle you are praying for? Is that something you'd be willing to share with the group?

## Next Steps 2023

- What are some of your next steps in faith for 2023? Share any updates with your group.
- When you complete a next step, tell us about it using the QR code below.

## Prayer

- Share praises and prayer requests with one another.
- Guided prayer: God, give us the courage to trust that you truly can do all things, even miracles today in our lives, and the lives of those we love. Lord, help us to earnestly ask, seek, and knock. In all things, we thank you for your goodness in our lives always. Amen.

