

MIRACLES

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PART 1: WHO NEEDS 'EM

A miracle is a divine intervention into—or an interruption of—the regular course of the world, producing a purposeful but unusual event that would not or could not have occurred otherwise.

CONNECT

Have you ever learned something later in life that helped you understand an earlier experience more clearly?

LEARN

You will watch a shortened version of a message from this series to set up your group discussion. Watch the full message sometime this week as a reminder of what you talked about today.

APPLY

After sharing what stood out from the video, discuss the following questions as a group:

1. When you think of the word “miracle,” what comes to mind? Do you consider the beginning of the universe a miracle? Why or why not?
2. The classical apologetic method Andy was taught introduces five statements:
 - God exists.
 - Miracles are possible.
 - The Gospels are reliable accounts of actual events.
 - Jesus rose from the dead.
 - What Jesus said about the Hebrew Scriptures can be trusted.

Have you been introduced to an apologetic method before? Do you find this helpful for better understanding faith? How might you use this in your own life?

3. What do you think about only having to believe in two miracles? Do you agree, disagree?
 - The miracle of the universe is the foundation of our faith in God.
 - The miracle of the resurrection is the foundation of our faith in Jesus.
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BEFORE NEXT TIME

You might be thinking, I don't need a universe-sized miracle or a resurrection-level breakthrough. I need something far more personal. I need a job. I want to start a family. I'm longing for healing. These needs may feel small in comparison, but they are deeply significant. If you find yourself carrying a specific need or longing, this series will invite you to keep leaning in—to continue engaging, reflecting, and allowing God to meet you right where you are.

PRAY

As a group, thank God for creating the universe and everything in it. Ask him to restore the wonder of this miracle and open our eyes to seeing his fingerprints on creation.