

## RECAP

**As you reflect on this past week, in what ways were you able to move towards others in compassion?**

**Where did you see Jesus move towards you in compassion?**

## IDEA 1

Steve started his sermon by sharing how people can downplay or redefine what Jesus said to his disciples about the miraculous.

People will say things like, “I know that Jesus said that, but here’s what he really meant.”

Or others might say, “Of course, Jesus did the occasional miracle. He was sort of obligated to, to show who He was, but it really wasn’t his focus.”

**Why do you think people try to downplay what Jesus said about the miraculous?**

Yet as Steve made very clear when highlighting numerous stories from the ministry of Jesus - miracles were not a peripheral part of his ministry, they were central.

**Why do you think miracles were so central to Jesus’ ministry?**

**What do they reveal about his heart?**

## IDEA 2

Steve later explained that people can settle for less than what Jesus promises. He shared a few different reasons for why people might feel this way:

- **Some are disappointed with God.**
- **Some struggle with cynicism and a sophistication bias.**
- **Some are simply too self-sufficient.**

## IDEA 2 CONT.

**Do you resonate with any of these statements? If so, which one and why?**

## SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

**Start by asking someone to share a testimony of a time when they have experienced a miracle.**

**After someone shares their testimony, ask those in your HC if anyone is longing for a miracle.**

This may feel like a risky and vulnerable question to answer so remind the group that this is a safe and confidential space and that they bring this request to a Rescuer that moves towards them in compassion.

**Once everyone has had a chance to respond, pray and ask Jesus for a miracle on their behalf.**

If Jesus answers your prayer, we'd love to hear about it. Email us at [housechurch@salemalliance.org](mailto:housechurch@salemalliance.org).

## APPLICATION

Think about this coming week and discuss the following questions together:

**Who could you pray for that is in need of a miracle?**

**Where might Holy Spirit be inviting you to take a step of faith and risk looking dumb?**