

Week 1 Study Sheet

The Miracle of Transformation

Consider The transformation of a capitellar into a butterfly is one of the most mysterious events in creation.

To go from a many-legged, inch-by-inch insect to a six-legged, beautifully winged flying insect is nothing short of a miracle. The word used to explain this has its roots within the New Testament. In Romans 12:2, Paul urges us to be "transformed." The word transformed is translated from the word metamorphoó, where we get the

word metamorphosis.

Like a capitellar changing form to a butterfly, God does a miraculous thing within us. He transforms us from sinners into saints! Jesus does this repeatedly with the Gospels. He takes something mundane and transforms

it into something wonderful. In his first miracle, recorded in the Gospel of John, Jesus takes water and transforms it into something completely different and more extravagant; wine. It is not any wine, according to

the story it is the best wine.

Share How has God changed you? In what areas of your life have you seen God work a miracle of transformation?

Maybe you need a miracle? Share with your group what you need God to transform. Take time to pray

together, thanking God for his miracles and seeking to be transformed by him.

Pray Father, help us break through the struggles we have in life through your divine revelation and transformation

in our lives.

Read John 2:1-11

Study Where is this miracle taking place? Who is present?

What is the significance of the miracle? Why would Jesus choose this water?

How would you interpret Jesus' response to his mother?

How does this miracle apply to what I'm walking through right now?

Read Romans 12:1-2

Study Why would Paul call us a living sacrifice?

What is transformation for?

From verse 2, what are some key aspects of transformation?

How does this connect to Jesus' miracle?

How can you use Romans 12:1-2 to help prepare you for a miracle?

Apply Keep a miracle journal. Every day, begin your day by thanking God for the miracles you have seen in your life.

Then, invite God to help you in areas that you feel empty or lacking.



Week 2 Study Sheet

The Miracle of a Second Chance

Consider Have you ever been asked to do something beyond your means? Maybe it was to lead a project at work,

coach a team sport, or go on a short-term mission trip. Big opportunities can leave us feeling the weight

of big responsibility.

These moments may bring up feelings of inadequacy, but God often uses these moments to invite us into a deeper level of trust with him. Imagine Abraham leading Isaac up the mountain or Moses starring at the Red Sea, these are moments where God has placed people in totally dependance upon his provision. In these moments God is not enlisting our sacrifices, rather he is enticing our obedience. On the other side of obedience is the miracle. The miracle is God's divine provision. On the other side of this miracle, Abraham

names God "Jehovah Jireh," which means "the Lord will provide."

Share Have you ever been in a situation like this? How has God provided for you in the past? Share with you group

something that you need God provide for you now. Take time to pray together, thanking God for his provision

and seeking him as your provider.

Pray God over all creation, you are my provider, provide for me a heart emersed in obedience and expectation of

the miracle of provision.

Read Genesis 22:1-19

Study Who are the key figures in this passage? What is the back story for Isaac?

Why would God ask Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac?

What would correlate to Isaac in your life? How would you feel if God asked you to do the same thing?

How does this passage reveal the nature of God to us?

How can God relate to this passage?

How does this passage correlate with other stories in the Old and New Testament?

Read <u>Luke 5:1-11</u>

Study What is Jesus trying to show the disciples?

How does this miracle reveal God's purposes?

How does this miracle apply to what you are walking through right now?

Apply Practice obedience. Seek God and respond with obedience to what he is calling you to surrender in your life.

Invite someone you trust to help you take the steps needed to fully surrender in obedience to God and trust

in his provision for your life. Celebrate it with others when God provides.



Week 3 Study Sheet

The Miracle of Victory

Consider

Tests come in many forms. Our patience is tested, our knowledge is tested, and even our faith is tested. These tests shape our character, format our dependance, and strengthen our resolve. Sometimes, we remember the result of the test and view ourselves in light of the outcome. Have you ever failed a test? Have you ever given into temptation? Have you tried to overcome something by yourself?

James encourages us with these words, "Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything." (James 1:2-4 NIV).

As followers of Jesus, this is the grit we need when we face tests, trials, and even temptation. We never take a loss; we only learn lessons. The greatest lesson that we learn is to rely on the Word of God and the Holy Spirit to empower us through every situation.

Share How has God helped you in the past through your testing or trial? What Scriptures help you when you face

a test? Share with the group how God has helped you. Take time to pray together, thanking God for his

faithfulness, and asking for the Holy Spirit to lead you.

Pray Jesus, as you faced many tests through the incarnation, help me use your example and empower me with

the Holy Spirit in every test I face today.

Read <u>Luke 4:1-13</u>

Study How does the devil try to tempt Jesus?

How does Jesus reply?

How can you relate to the testing of Jesus?

What is the miracle in this passage?

How can this passage point you to God for a miracle?

Read <u>James 1:1-8</u>

Study What words or phrases stick out in these verses?

What is a theme that you would suggest for these verses?
What do these verses reveal about God's interaction with us?

How has a test or trial changed your character? How does God help us through our trials?

How can you allow God to help you with your trials?

Apply Participate in a fast. The point of fasting is to put yourself in a place of total dependance of God. Jesus fasted

while he was in the desert. Try to pick a meal or day this week to fast and invite God to help you with the test

you are facing.



Week 4 Study Sheet

The Miracle of Healing

Consider

Does it still happen? Does God still heal people like he did in the Bible? The answer is a resounding YES! God still heals the sick, the leper, and the mentally unwell. God can heal an illness through the laying on of hands, a silent prayer, and a surgeon's knife. Healing is never about the agent, rather it is about the miracle, it is about God.

Miracles come in all forms. Yes, you can be physically healed but God doesn't just look at your physical body, he looks at your eternal soul. Often, in the New Testament Jesus followed a moment of healing with the greatest offer of all, salvation. Physical and mental healing are good for our present, but Jesus is focused on our eternity.

So, why does Jesus heal? Every moment of healing on this side of eternity points to God's final redemptive plan through resurrection. Jesus reminds us, "what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world [even healed in this world] yet forfeits his soul." (Matthew 16:26 ESV) The miracle of healing God gives you inspires trust in Jesus – for you, and for others.

Share

Have you experienced the miracle of healing? Share with the group how God has healed you. Take time to pray together and ask for God's healing touch, so that you can testify to others about his redemptive plan for their life.

Pray

Heal me O Lord so that I may share your redemptive plan to as many people as I possibly can.

Read Mark 5:25-34

Study How would you define the woman's faith in Jesus?

How does Jesus see this woman's pain?

How can you relate to the woman? Have you ever struggled with something for years?

How does this miracle apply to what you're walking through right now?

Read <u>Luke 5:17-26</u>

Study Who are the key people in this story? How are they involved in the Miracle?

Why would Jesus forgive the man's sins first? What is Jesus trying to teach us? How does the crowd's response help us understand the true purpose of healing?

Apply

Pray for healing. Spend time this week praying for your personal healing or ask others how you can pray for their healing. Write the request down, expecting a miracle from God. If you are in a group, spend time

praying for healing within your biblical community.



Week 5 Study Sheet

The Miracle of Sight

Consider

Have you ever thought about how you see? How an object becomes a thing? How does a color become blue, orange, or green? Well, it all starts with the eye of course. The eye is one of the most complex organs in the body. It is made up of nerves, muscle, mucus, and lens. With a direct feed to the brain, the eye brings the sense of sight, providing vital information to interpret of the world around us.

It is no wonder that Jesus states that, "The eye is the lamp of the body; so then, if your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light." (Matthew 6:22 NASB) When you have perfect sight, then you can clearly interpret the world. If your sight is obscured, then you will find it difficult to interpret the world.

Jesus healed at least 6 blind men and probably many more if you consider the multitudes found in Matthew 15 and 21. Sight was important to Jesus. Your sight is important to him now. Maybe you have not lost physical sight, but maybe you have lost sight in some other area of your life – you have a blind spot. What have you lost sight of or what do you need more clarity around at this point in your life?

Share

How has Jesus given you sight or insight in the past? Share with the group about the dark spots in life and identify how God's miracle of sight can bring light to your life. Take time to pray together, thanking God for his wisdom and protection, and asking him to give you his renewed sense of sight.

Pray

Lord, give me eyes to see and ears to hear every word of encouragement that you are speaking to heal me in my areas of blindness.

Read

John 9:1-12

Study

Why would Jesus use mud and the pool to complete the miracle?

How does this passage reveal the will of God?

What theological questions are being raised in this story?

How does this miracle apply to what you are walking through right now?

Read

Mark 10:46-52

Study

Compare and contrast this story with John 9, what is similar what is different?

Why did Bartimaeus call Jesus "Son of David?" What is the significance of that title?

Why was Bartimaeus healed immediately? What about his story is significant for us?

Apply

Pray for sight. Spend the week praying through your blind spots. Maybe your blind spot is a trigger for big emotions like anger, or maybe it's a place in your life where you find it hard to trust God. Whatever it is, write these things down and pray with your group and throughout the week for God to heal these blind spots in your life.



Week 6 Study Sheet

The Miracle of Life

Consider

What powerful events have you experienced in life? An earthquake perhaps? Every day at the core of the earth seismic activity is brewing. In the far expanse of the universe powerful events happen without us even knowing about them. Think about the power released at a supernovae event. Envision an exploding star that releases the energy of a billion suns. It's an interstellar event that affects universes not just planets. Now that's power!

Yet, when you google the most powerful thing in the world, our new AI generated search gives us the answer of love. Love is a powerful event. But love is also a powerful person. John simply states it, "God is love." (1 John 4:8 NIV) Through this love, God created the heavens and the earth. God created man in his own image. And even though his creation rebelled, God so loved this world that he sent his son Jesus to redeem the world.

Redemption came at a cost, the cost of death. But death could not hold the creator of life. In this we experience the most powerful event in all of eternity, the Resurrection. The resurrection of Jesus, served as the protype for God's resurrecting power to penetrate all of us and bring us life. Not life in the finite but life everlasting and a hope that has no end in the promise of the Resurrection.

Share

How have you experienced a new life in Jesus? Share with the group any areas of life that you need God to redeem or bring back to life. Take time to pray together, thanking God for his love and his power, and asking him to equip you to share the miracle of life everlasting life with those around you.

Pray

Read

Study

Jesus, embolden my hope through the promise of Resurrection to believe in the miracle of the life everlasting with you.

John 11:1-44

Why do you think Jesus delayed his arrival to see Lazarus?

Why would Jesus resurrect Lazarus?

How does this story reveal the nature of God? How would you feel if you were Lazarus?

How can you relate to Mary and Martha in this story?

How does this miracle apply to what I'm walking through right now?

Read Romans 8:9-17

Study What does God's Spirit do in us? How is this connected to resurrection?

How does the Spirit prepare us now for our final resurrection that is still to come?

How can this passage empower us in our prayer life?

Apply

Live by the Spirit. Where do you need Jesus to bring new life? Pray every day for the resurrecting power of

Jesus to empower you in this area of your life.



Week 7 Study Sheet

The Miracle of Salvation

Consider

Have you ever had a last-minute save? What was that moment like? Maybe you felt like all hope was lost but then something happened that changed the moment. You were saved.

Private William Scott had a moment like this in life. He had volunteered on behalf of a sick friend to be on Picket Duty. However, overnight he fell asleep while on watch. This was a crime punishable by execution through firing squad. The news shocked the private's fellow soldiers and family. His little sister was in so alarmed that she orchestrated a visit to the President of the United States. In front of many council members and generals, the little girl made her appeal to the president. The president, a family man himself, was moved to action and sent word to pardon Scott while standing on the line. The president who gave the order, President Abraham Lincoln.¹

There's another story much like this one - our own story. We may not see the fire squad, but we are on the line, and we have an advocate who is willing to pardon us from our sins. That advocate is Jesus. We are all staring down death every day, but through Jesus we are saved from this death through the salvation that we have in him.

Share

How has Jesus pardoned you in the past? How did you respond to his grace? Share with your group how you experienced the miracle of salvation. Take time to pray together, thanking God for is mercy and grace.

Pray Jesus, thank you for your saving grace in my life and the pardoning of my sin.

Read John 8:1-11

Study What is happening in this passage?

What was Jesus' response?

What can we learn about God from this story?

Do you relate more to the woman or those who brought her to Jesus?

Read <u>Matthew 27:45-46</u>

Study What does Jesus show us through his death on the cross?

What does the crucifixion of Jesus teach us about God's grace?

How does this miracle of saving grace apply to what you're walking through right now?

Apply Practice forgiveness. Think about someone you could forgive this week. Think about someone who may

need forgiveness from Jesus. Extend grace to that person or invite the other person to attend church with

you for Easter.

¹ https://www.obbietylertodd.com/post/abraham-lincoln-s-last-minute-pardon-of-a-soldier-sentenced-to-die



Week 8 Study Sheet

The Miracle of Resurrection

Consider What do you think is the hardest doctrine of the Christian faith to live out? Is it the call to holiness?

Is it honoring the commandments? Or following the teachings of Jesus? The answer, none of these.

One of the hardest doctrines for Christianity is the Resurrection.

During the time of Jesus, not every Jew believed in resurrection, only the Pharisees. In the Greco-Roman world, with its roots in Platonic philosophy and paganism, resurrection was a hard sell. They wanted desperately to separate themselves from their body, from matter. Therefore, this claim of resurrection was a

radical claim.

Yet, this claim is central to our faith. Without the Resurrection, Jesus was just a good teacher who died. Without the Resurrection, our faith is complete in our own actions. Without the Resurrection, our bodies are

swallowed up by sin and death.

Through the resurrection of Jesus, everything changes. Death has no hold on the believer. Our righteousness is not contingent on our works but our faith. Because of the Resurrection, we no longer sleep eternal but now

live eternal with Christ. Jesus is more than a teacher; he is our Savior.

Share How do you view Jesus in light of the Resurrection? Share with your group how the miracle of the

Resurrection has changed your faith. Take time to pray together, thanking God for defeating death and

raising to life.

Pray Jesus, thank you for saving me, and for granting me participation in the resurrected life. Lead me to walk in

victory knowing that you lived, died, rose, and will soon return.

Read <u>Luke 24:1-12</u>

Study What details stand out in the resurrection story?

What is Jesus teaching us through the Resurrection?

How would you feel if you were at the tomb?

Read <u>John 20:24-29</u>

Study What does this passage teach us about the resurrected body of Jesus?

How does this passage help us better understand the Resurrection?

How can this passage help us with the miracles we need in our own life?

How can you relate to Thomas?

Apply Don't stop with Easter. The birth and the movement of the Church happened after Easter when the disciples

started sharing the Gospel. Be a disciple who makes disciples by sharing about the resurrection of Christ

where you live, work, learn, and play.