

# Sermon Discussion Questions

Gifts of Healing, Miracles, and Faith – Matt Slocum  
Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 12:7-10

## AGENDA

- Allow people to arrive, talk, and snack – 15 min
- Thank everyone for coming. Open in prayer – 30 sec
- Worship – 5-10 min
- Icebreaker question – 10-20 min
- Discussion Questions – 35-45 min
- Prayer – 20-30 min

## INTRODUCTION

Today we finish our sermon series on the Gifts of the Spirit. In this series we took a look at the Gifts of the Spirit and just what they mean to us as we live out our lives as followers of Christ. Hopefully in this series you were open to what the Holy Spirit was speaking to you and just maybe you learned something new.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (35-45 min)

1. Last week we were challenged to read the bible one more time that we usually do during the week. Were you able to do this? If so, what is something that stuck out from the verses you read, or how did that additional time help you that week?
2. What is something that stuck out or challenged you from the sermon this week?
3. Is there a scripture or story in the bible that has really inspired you or given you a revelation about the miraculous works of God?
4. Have you ever prayed for someone or something, and then it not be answered in the way that you had prayed for it to?
5. When you have had something not get answered the way that you had hoped, what was it that kept your eyes on Jesus, and helped you remember that He is always good? If you went through a time where you looked away, or didn't trust His goodness, what brought you back to him later on? Or maybe share how you are currently struggling with that?

## Icebreakers

Pick one of the icebreaker questions below and go around in a circle (starting with the leader) and have everyone answer. (If you have new members or guests have each person introduce themselves.)

1. Where would you build your dream home?
2. What is one pet peeve you have?
3. Would you rather have a beach vacation or a vacation in the mountains?

6. Have miracles been an important part of your personal life? How so?

7. Have you ever prayed for healing or a miracle and have it answered? How has that affected you and your prayer life?

### **APPLICATION**

During the interviews, lots of examples were given about healings and miracles that have been seen and not answered the way we had hoped. Matt encouraged us to not build a view of God based on things that DIDN'T happen, despite us praying for them. That God is and will always be a good God. This week, take a look in your heart and see if your view of God has been tainted by things that didn't happen, then work to shift that mindset to remembering that God is always good. Be ready to share with the group next week on ways you're working towards that or ways you are continuing to pray for miracles and healing despite past potentially disappointing outcomes.

### **PRAYER (20-30 min)**

Ask for prayer requests. Take time to pray for people in the group who have specific needs. If we pray with confidence (without arrogance) and humility (without apology), led by the inner prompting of the Spirit, we are praying with the kind of confidence Jesus spoke of in Mark 11:24. (The 5-Step Prayer Model)

### **COMING UP**

To join a small group, sign up at [vckceast.com](https://vckceast.com) or at one of the weekend services. Study materials are available to download on the church website (<https://vckceast.com>) or on the Facebook page.

All-Church Small Group Sermon Series – 9 Jan – 20 February

Vision Sunday – 27 February

Child Dedications – 6 March

### **FINAL THOUGHT**

**"I'd rather lay hands on 100 people and have only 1 healed,  
than to lay hands on nobody and have nobody healed."**

*John Wimber*