

Sermon Discussion Questions

A House of Miracles – Matt Slocum
12 February 2023
Sermon Text: Matthew 7:21-23

AGENDA

- People arrive, talk, snack, and icebreaker – 5 min
- Worship – 5-10 min
- Prayer/Ministry Time – 20 min
- Discussion Questions – 35-45 min

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME (20-30 min)

Ask for prayer requests. Ask for specific needs of group members.

MESSAGE INTRODUCTION

Has God ever called you to something that you didn't feel qualified for? Or even to something that seems impossible? This week we will be discussing how followers of Christ are to respond to God regardless of the assignment given in this week's sermon, **A House of Miracles**.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (35-45 min)

1. Last week, you were asked to practice shouting for God, bowing, kneeling, holding out open hands or raising your hands. After practicing at home, was it easier to use these ways of worship in this Sunday's church service? How did it feel?

2. What are some things that stuck with you from Matt's message this week?

3. Whatever you are devoted to in the "main" room of God's house, you need to be devoted to in all rooms of God's house.

It is God's house, and he can move freely through all the rooms of His house. In what ways do you need to be more devoted and take more responsibility in other rooms of His house, i.e. small group, kids church, etc?

4. Lots of times God calls you to something that you are not good at, like Moses being called to speak and lead even though public speaking wasn't his strength. This is why you can't put too much stock in the spiritual gifts test, God may use you outside of that strength, in an area that stretches you and makes you uncomfortable.

Have you ever been called outside of one of your strengths, and obeyed? Are you being called outside of your strengths right now, and trying to change the assignment to fit those strengths?

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. If you could turn the ocean to any other liquid than water, what would it be?
2. If you were a professional baseball player, what would your walk-up song be?
3. Does pineapple belong on a pizza? If not, what is the one topping you'd choose instead?

5. When talking about God's sovereignty, Matt discussed 3 different models that are consistently debated and controversial in the Christian faith.

- a. Shakespeare Model
- b. Chess Model
- c. The Ship Model

Discuss these models as a group. Where has your belief landed most of your life? Does it need to change as your take more responsibility to do God's will?

APPLICATION

What are some steps you can take this week to not only know God more but be known by him? Be prepared next week to share some new steps you took to take more responsibility in God's plan.

COMING UP

To join a small group or find out more about what is going on at NWC, go to <https://nwckc.com> or the New Wine Church Community Group Facebook page. Study materials are also available on the website or Facebook page.

Sermon Series – Building The House, 8 January -26 February 2023, 9 and 11 am, Oak Park HS
Youth White Out Winter Camp, 17-19 March 2023, Crooked Creek Ranch, Fraser, CO
Men's Vineyard Regional Retreat, 27-29 April 2023, Riverside Bible Camp, Story City, IA
Selah Women's Retreat, 5-6 May 2023, Heartland Retreat Center, Parkville, MO

FINAL THOUGHT

It's important for us to know God, but it's more important for us to be known by Him.