LIFE GROUP GUIDE – Week Starting Sunday 1st November 2026

Authentic – Signs & Wonders

Key Scriptures: Matthew 12:28 | John 14:12-14 | Romans 8:22-25 | James 5:13-16 | Revelation 21:1-5

This Week's BIG IDEA

This week we continue our *Authentic* series by exploring **Authentic Signs and Wonders**. As a church, we describe our vision as helping people become **image bearers and Kingdom bringers**. Part of living as Kingdom bringers is learning how to pray for God's supernatural activity while remaining deeply rooted in Scripture and full of compassion for one another. The sermon reminded us that the Kingdom of God is both **"now and not yet."** God's Kingdom has already broken into the world through Jesus. We are encouraged to pray boldly for healing, provision, freedom, and breakthrough. Yet we also recognise that we still live in a world marked by suffering, disappointment, and waiting. Authentic faith holds both realities together.

Focussing on God

Remembering that our ultimate hope and trust is not in God's power, but in God himself, use these worship songs to focus on the love of the Father and the work of Jesus:

Run To The Father - Matt Maher – https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SQPfFNRw4Rs

Cornerstone – Hillsong – https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a3HH__-1Zbs

Missional Focus

The Kingdom of God is not simply something we talk about on Sundays. It is something we demonstrate through our lives and witness. Take some time to share together:

- Have you seen or experienced answers to prayer recently?
- Has there been an opportunity to pray for someone outside church over the last few weeks?
- Where do you sense God inviting you to step out in faith more intentionally?
- Who on your lost list needs healing, hope, or an encounter with Jesus?

Take 5 minutes to pray for those on your lost lists. Ask God to draw them to himself and to create opportunities for you to share God's love with them.

Discipleship Discussion

Read together

- Matthew 12:28
- Luke 10:9
- John 14:12-14
- James 5:13-16
- Romans 8:22-25
- 2 Corinthians 12:7-10
- Revelation 21:1-5

Discussion Questions

Remember these questions are intended to stimulate discussion. There are no perfect answers and you do not need to cover them all.

- When you hear the phrase "signs and wonders," what thoughts or experiences come to mind?
- Why do you think our expectations are often shaped by both personal experience and church background?
- What difference does understanding the Kingdom as both "now and not yet" make to the way we pray?
- Which biblical examples from the sermon encourage your faith most strongly?
- How can we continue to pray expectantly when prayers appear unanswered?
- The sermon emphasised that suffering is not automatically evidence of weak faith. Why is this such an important truth?
- How can we honour those who are still waiting for breakthrough, while celebrating testimonies of healing and provision?
- What practical steps can we take as a Life Group to grow in faith-filled prayer over the coming weeks?
- What would it look like for you personally to "keep looking to Jesus" regardless of the outcome of your prayers?

Pray

Spend time praying for one another.

- Pray for anyone who needs healing, strength, or encouragement.
- Pray for increased faith and confidence in God's power.
- Pray for wisdom, humility, and perseverance in seasons of waiting.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to help the group become both compassionate and courageous.
- Make space to listen to God and to share any encouraging Scriptures, impressions, or prophetic words that may strengthen others.