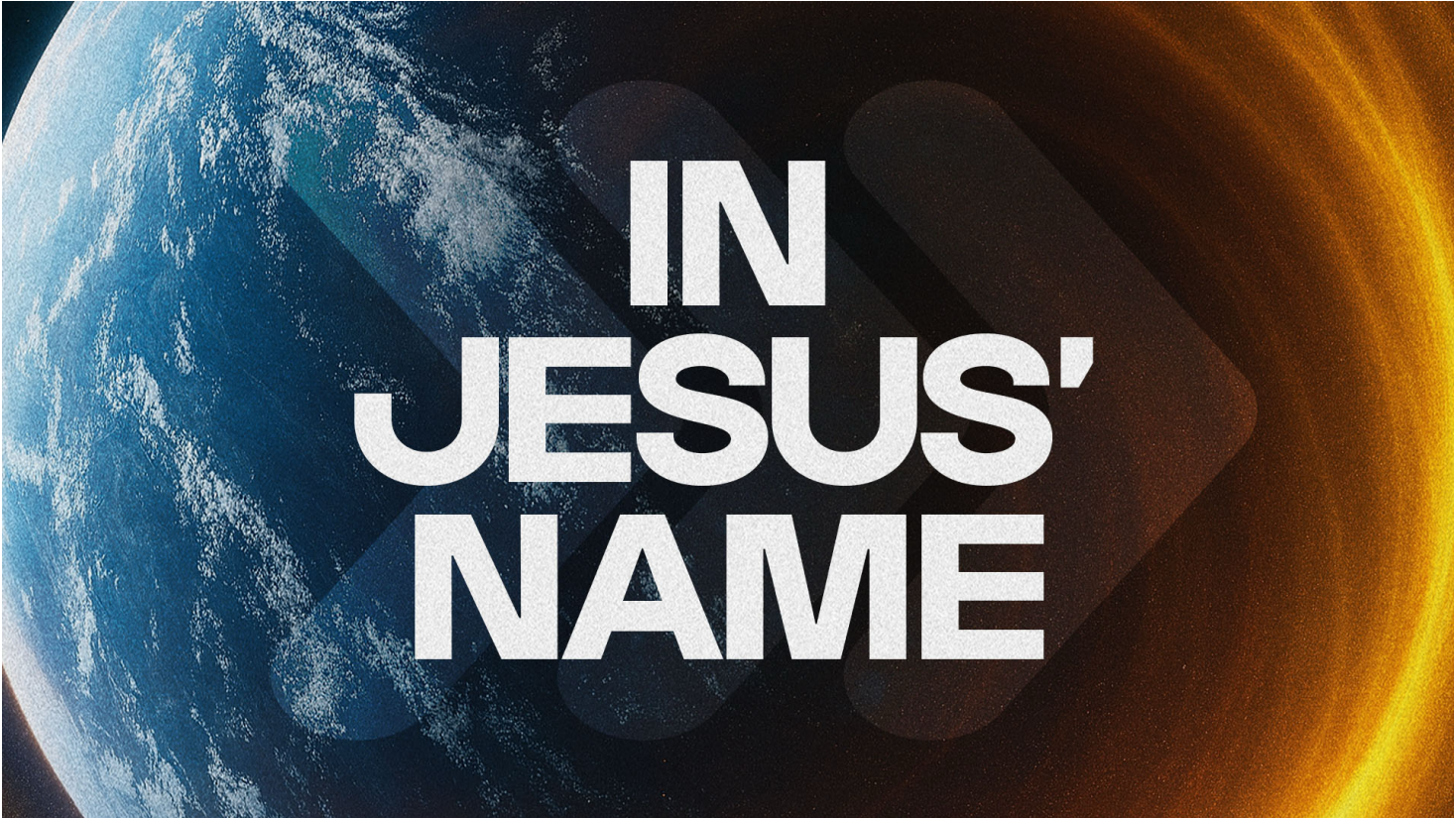




IN JESUS' NAME

Week 4

The Miracle Altar

Use this guide to have deeper discussion with your group.

This Week's Reading

Chapter 7 (pages 105 – 120)

**Reading does not have to be completed before meeting as a group but should be completed within each week.*

Overview

John 14:12-14

Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.

To see an increase in miracles, we must increase the altar of prayer.

- 1. We need to increase our belief. *Have you ever stopped praying for something because of fear? Explain and take steps to increase your faith and continue in prayer.***

- God's gifts haven't changed.
- God's promise hasn't changed.
- We have changed...

Luke 10:9 *And heal the sick there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."*

It is not failure if you pray for healing and God chooses to wait. It is failure when you stop praying for healing because of fear.

2. We need to increase our dependency. *How can you increase your dependency on the Spirit like we see recorded in Acts 9:17?*

- We are trying to do with words what God is trying to do by His Spirit.

1 Corinthians 2:4-5

My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

- The world is full of ideas; we need more miracles.

3. We need to increase our ask. *How can you increase your ask?*

James 5:14-16

*Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. **The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.***

Application to Developing a Community Prayer Altar

Steps to developing a Miracle Altar (reference page 168 of the book for more in-depth discussion around each step):

"Jesus replied, 'What is impossible with man is possible with God'" Luke 18:27

1. Lay hands on the sick.
2. Make room in your life and in your services for the miraculous.
3. Build your faith on the promises of Scripture.
4. Share testimonials of how God is at work.

Prayer Requests

Take prayer requests and pray for one another.

Next week's reading: Chapter 8 (pages 121-138)