

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

“Missing Out on a Miracle” – Pastor Chad Gilligan

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- 1) Share about a time where you missed out on something you really wanted. What was it?**

Read Matthew 9:23-26 – “When Jesus entered the synagogue leader’s house and saw the noisy crowd and people playing pipes, 24 he said, ‘Go away. The girl is not dead but asleep.’ But they laughed at him. 25 After the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up. 26 News of this spread through all that region.”

- 2) Where is the danger in believing we know what is best?**
- 3) What are some things you have found to be helpful when combating pride, or a “know it all” attitude?**

Read Mark 5:24-26 – “So Jesus went with him. A large crowd followed and pressed around him. 25 And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. 26 She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse.”

- 4) Many believers experience moments of hopelessness. What would you say to someone who is in despair?**
- 5) What encouragements have you been given in times of hopelessness or despair?**

Read James 1:6-8 – “But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. 7 That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. 8 Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.”

- 6) Knowing we should have faith and living in faith can be two very different things. What scriptures have strengthened your faith in times of doubt?**

Read Matthew 9:32-34 – “While they were going out, a man who was demon-possessed and could not talk was brought to Jesus. 33 And when the demon was driven out, the man who had been mute spoke. The crowd was amazed and said, ‘Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel.’ 34 But the Pharisees said, ‘It is by the prince of demons that he drives out demons.’”

7) Apathy is a slow decline away from action and belief in Jesus. How can you tell if you are starting to have an apathetic heart?

Prayer: Take a moment to pray for anyone who may be struggling with pride, despair, doubt, or apathy.