

# The main points

What do we mean by 'Wonders'?

- Creation
- Miracles
- Something amazing
- The wonder of GRACE
  - Any others?

The place of 'Wonder' in Jesus' ministry...

- ... A sign of itself is totally valueless...
- Follow the signs... They lead somewhere...

Wonders for Today's world...

'When signs and wonders are pointing people to things that are in the mind and heart of God, we can do nothing but rejoice and be glad.'

Wonders in the Context of Mission...

'But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and the ends of the earth...' Acts 1:8

Wonders in the context of the Body of Christ...

'Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good... All these are the works of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines...' 1 Cor 12: 7 & 11

What about Faith?

'Faith as small as a mustard seed...'

Need to remain focused

'Wonders may well accompany the Christian, but once we start depending on them, we risk putting our faith in them instead of GOD!'

## So what...

God is seen through wonders such as Creation, Miracles, Something Amazing, the miracle of 'GRACE'... Spend some time discussing your understanding of 'wonders'. What purpose is there in 'wonders'?

Read Acts 2: 22

The disciples gave witness to Jesus by referring to the 'signs and wonders' he did during his lifetime. Why do you think these wonders and miraculous signs were important in this setting?

Read Acts 2 :42 and 43

We read that people were 'filled with awe'. Other translations use the word 'fear' instead of 'awe'. Why do you think they react like this? Do you think there would be a difference in the reaction have of those who saw it as believers and those who were just onlookers?

Read 1 Corinthians 12:1 -13

Look at the range of spiritual gifts mentioned. What makes them belong together? How should we expect to see the outworking of these gifts in Croxley Green Baptist?

Wonders for Today's church? Do you believe that we should be looking for 'wonders' today?

Think about the type of wonders that would be relevant for today's society bearing in mind the concepts of...

Wonders in Mission  
and Wonders in the Body of Christ...

Are there wonders you feel would be appropriate to ask for in terms of mission? For example 'the healing of marriages'... What about relevant wonders for the upbuilding and encouragement of the church congregation? Spend some time talking and praying through this and consider ways that as an individual and as a group you could move forward with God to 'look for these wonders' to become a reality. Having talked and prayed about it...  
**LOOK FOR THE OUTWORKING!!!! MAYBE EVEN SHARE THE OUTCOME WITH THE REST OF THE CHURCH**

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