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Introduction

This week, we continue our series *Praying for a Miracle* with texts from **John 15** and **Mark 2:1-12**. Why we pray for miracles is more important than what miracles we pray for. Miracle praying is for two purposes: to lift up God and glorify Him and for believers to bear fruit. We must remember, however, that miracles are most powerful when they change a person from the inside, even if the pain and suffering of the current situation is still present.

Discussion

1. **Read Galatians 5:22-25**, and list the fruits of the Spirit. Discuss the connection between these qualities and the purpose of a miracle in a believer's life. How could a miracle that bears this kind of fruit affect nonbelievers for the Kingdom?
2. Have you ever been part of a miracle from God? Discuss with the group the circumstances of the miracle and the affect it had on you and others involved.
3. Make a list of fears or doubts you have about miracles. Share one or two with your group and discuss. Pray as a group about how to overcome these fears and doubts.

Think About It

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life" [John 3:16]. The greatest miracle of all is that a holy, perfect God could love His sinful, fallen creation so much that He would give up His holy, perfect Son to live among us and show us what He looks like on the inside – by demonstrating love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control through His miracles. Jesus' miracles were acts of love by the One who is love. Let His fruits of love fill our hearts and minds as we seek His miracles for our lives.

Do Something

1. Find some quiet time this week to pray and meditate on what kind of miracle God would have you pray for in the coming weeks. Write down a prayer asking for clarity, humility and trust.
2. Commit a time this week to pray for each person in your group or family about the discussions from questions 2 and 3. If you are not in a group, find a confidante to share your answers to those questions and pray with you.
3. God IS doing miracles in our community and our country! Seek out the stories that manifest God's glory and demonstrate His fruit and share them with your group next week

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