

## Signs and Wonders Vision Doc

December 7-15, 2024

**Tagline:** Recognizing the work of God around us

**Focus:** Strengthen our awareness of God's work for increased spiritual vision

**Feel:** Imaginative wow

**Why this series now:** There is no doubt that signs and wonders helped bring people to Christ. We'll take a look at different places in the Bible where the Holy Spirit used signs and wonders to play a role in helping people see Jesus, and understand how it helps us see him today.

**Response Areas:** Yes

**Invite Pitch:** Have you ever looked for a sign? A sign you've made the right decision, that you should keep going this direction...or not. A sign that you were meant to buy that car, house, that outfit, or thing. Or maybe it's more that you should date that person or marry this one, take that job, move to this new city, go to that particular college - or not. Why do we look for signs? Because we want confirmation we're headed in the right direction. God loves to give signs of where he is at work, where he is inviting us to trust and follow him. What you might not know is that when the Bible uses the word "signs" it often includes "wonders". So why did God perform a series of miraculous signs and wonders? Can those signs and wonders show us anything for our modern lives? Join us this December as we see how they have a very real place in our countdown to this Christmas.

**Memory Verse:** Romans 15:19 "They were convinced by the power of miraculous signs and wonders and by the power of God's Spirit. In this way, I have fully presented the Good News of Christ..."

### Weekly Topics and Content Goal:

#### Week 1: December 7/8, Baptism, Signs, Ben

**Focus:** Wherever the Holy Spirit descends, there is new life; how do you know it's God's spirit at work, know his voice? Look for life! Paying attention to where God is work, where is he pointing, what is he speaking...in you, to you and through you,

**Scriptures:** Jesus - started (birthed) his ministry; Disciples - started (birthed) the church

**CTA:** Invite and take part in Advent readings and/or app Advent

#### Week 2: Dec 14/15, Wonders, Campus Pastors

**Focus:** Look for God this season; if no wonder, then you may be too far away from him, Wonder is the by-product of a life lived faithfully

**Scripture:** Ephesians 1:7-10; angels spoke to shepherds, Mary was told give birth, Simeon experienced wonder over the news of Jesus' arrival

**CTA:** Invite

**Series Goals:** (low commitment steps to create weak ties for guests to engage)

### Advent on the App

- Each day will be like “opening the door” on the Advent calendar house that is the theme for Christmas
- When you click on the door, it will take you to fun shareable content and The Daily Advent devotion.
- Each day will be a general text like: Day 1 | Advent on the App
  - It will link to the fun shareable content and include a child item for The Daily to the devotion
- Vision doc: [Christmas-app-advent-calendar-vision-doc.docx](#)

### How will we measure if it worked?

- 720 people sign-up
- 3,750 total engagements

### **Ministry Calendar and Holidays:**

Dec 2-25 - Advent devotions on The Daily

Dec 7/8 - GrowthTrack Week 1 & 2 combined

Dec 9 - DreamTeam Night

Dec 14/15 - Fall Group Semester Ends; Winter Registration Begins, GrowthTrack Week 3 & 4 combined

Christmas Services (see Christmas vision doc)

Dec 28/29 - Church at Home (no in-person services)

### **Series Resources:**

#### **Next Steps**

Advent reading plan resources

### **Family Ministries**

Kids: Passing out an advent calendar for families to read through the Christmas story together. The reading plan will also be available on the app.

Students

MS:

<https://store.thinkorange.com/collections/student-books/products/bright-lights-big-city-devotional>

HS:

<https://store.thinkorange.com/collections/student-books/products/the-hills-devotional>  
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