

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: Who is the Holy Spirit, 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 - DreamTeam Night

Dec 9-25 - Advent devotions on The Daily

Dec 14/15 - Fall Group Semester Ends; Winter Registration Begins

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>