



Small Group Leader Guide

Naturally Supernatural—Jesus modelled it, he taught the disciples, and the early church lived it out—having the supernatural as part of our daily lives in a natural way. We're going to take three weeks to look at the different gifts of hearing, speaking and walking in the power of God. It can be a natural part of how you live!

Corresponding small group videos can be found online at:

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Week 3 – Power to the People

BIG IDEA

To grow in our faith to believe in and step out in the practice of the power gifts: gifts of healings, gift of miracles, and the gift of faith.

MAIN SCRIPTURE

Mark 16:17–18 (NIV) – *“And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well.”*

ICEBREAKER

1. **What is your favourite miracle in the Bible?**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

2. **What is the purpose of the power gifts?** (see examples in [Acts 3:1–7, 12, 16](#); [Acts 5:12–16](#) and [Luke 8:43–48](#))
3. **Mark 9:17, 22–24** (NLT) - *One of the men in the crowd spoke up and said, “Teacher, I brought my son so you could heal him. He is possessed by an evil spirit that won’t let him talk.
... The spirit often throws him into the fire or into water, trying to kill him. Have mercy on us and help us, if you can.”
“What do you mean, ‘If I can?’” Jesus asked. “Anything is possible if a person believes.”
The father instantly cried out, “I do believe, but help me overcome my unbelief!”*
What can we do when we don’t feel we have enough faith for a miracle?
4. **Why is it important for us in our faith to leave the results up to God?**

#2 – The power gifts are a demonstration of God’s power, to bring Him glory, to show His mercy, to give a sign to cause people to believe, to change the course of events towards God’s purpose, etc.

#3 – ideas include: listening to stories of people who have been healed or received a miracle, focusing on who God is rather than the situation, believing that God can heal, recounting good things God has done in your life...

5. **How does knowing that the gifts belong to the Holy Spirit, not us, change the way you desire them or use them?**

6. **What are reasons why God might not heal immediately?**

#6 – Reasons might include: God's timing, that He has a better plan, that He needs to teach something, that our healing might be in heaven rather than now...

7. **What aspects of God's character help you when you are navigating the disappointment of an answer that is different than what you asked for?**

8. **Let's look at the story of the Roman Centurion who approached Jesus in Matthew 8:5-10, 13 (NIV).**

When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help. "Lord," he said, "my servant lies at home paralyzed, suffering terribly."

Jesus said to him, "Shall I come and heal him?"

The centurion replied, "Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and said to those following him, "Truly I tell you, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith...."

(v. 13) Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go! Let it be done just as you believed it would." And his servant was healed at that moment.

What do we learn about faith from this story?

#8 – Answers could include: we can learn that Jesus has authority to heal, there is a trust involved, have the faith to approach Jesus with our needs...

ACTIVATION

Think of a miracle or healing you may need in your life right now. Take time now to pray for those needs.

THIS WEEK (and in the weeks to come!)

Look for opportunities to use the gifts we have studied. Pick one and start from there.

Remember - all you need is faith "even as small as a mustard seed" (Matthew 17:20 NLT - ... *Jesus told them. "I tell you the truth, if you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it would move. Nothing would be impossible."*)