

## When pigs fly - Week 1 - Are miracles and healing still a thing? (CG notes)

### Getting started

- What does the phrase 'when pigs fly' suggest to you?
- Have you ever used the phrase or something like it?
- When was the last time something amazed you?

### Getting stuck in

*We are beginning a series looking at the miracles of Jesus.*

- What does a miracle mean to you?
- Would you say you've experienced a miracle or witnessed one?
- When it comes to healing what's been your experience so far?
- What are some of the common questions people have when it comes to healing miracles?

Read Matthew 4 v. 23 & Luke 9 v.1-2

Here we see Jesus healing then instructing his followers to do the same.

- How do we react to this? Are we excited or a little terrified? Curious or challenged?

Jesus sometimes didn't see miracles was when there was a lack of faith.

- Why do we need to be careful in how we handle this idea when it comes to people?

Read the powerful story in Mark 10 v.46-52.

- What does Bartimaeus teach us about a posture of faith and expectancy?

At the end he follows Jesus along the road. Sometimes people are not healed but still follow Jesus, sometimes people are more committed to God getting the glory than them getting the breakthrough!

- How does this challenge you?

**Our faith isn't based on what God does, our faith is based on who God is**

- Why is this so important? Where have you seen this in the lives of others?

### Get praying for miracles!!

Spend some time praying for each other and for others who need a miracle right now...

Be specific - be expectant - be persistent

### Going deeper

Read Matthew 10 v. 1-8

- What do these words say?
- How might the disciples have heard them when Jesus said them first?
- How are we challenged by these words and the implications?

