**Pacific Growth Group Sermon Questions**

**Week of January 16th, 2022**

**Sermon Series: A Beautiful Mess**

**Sermon Title: Miracles – Why do we pray for miracles today? Do they really happen?**

**Primary Text: John 9:1-7**

1. ***What comes to mind when you hear, read, or think about the word “miracles”?***
	1. *Definition of miracles:* “*an act of God revealing who He is, what He has done, and what He is doing.*”
2. ***What are some spaces, places, and scenarios where you see miracles occurring in and around us?***
	1. Hint: In his message, Jon mentioned that we can observe the miraculous in:
		1. *The Natural/The Universe*– the observable order in the universe points to the miraculous.
		2. *Expressions of God’s Character*– when humanity exhibits and reflects God’s character these are miraculous acts. For instance, when human beings express love, beauty, morality, justness, forgiveness, etc. God is empowering them to perform the miraculous.
		3. *The Supernatural*– when there are supernatural manifestations in the cosmos God is carrying out His work, as such, the supernatural points to the miraculous. Examples: God dreams, the appearance of angelic beings, speaking in tongues, prophecies, etc.
3. ***Have you ever experienced God performing a miracle on your behalf? Have you ever experienced God performing a miracle by means of you praying for someone or a situation? Have you heard stories of God doing the miraculous in our age and time? Share your accounts of the miraculous occurring with each other.***
4. Jon outlined four (4) reasons skeptics of miracles give to discredit/disprove the miraculous acts:
	1. *The miraculous go against the observable order of things. Everything that happens must be within order.*
	2. *Coincidences occur.*
	3. *Biological explanations.*
	4. *People lie and embellish.*
		1. ***Which one of the reasons stated above have you heard people state to denounce the miraculous in our time?***
		2. ***What is an apologetic you have heard and embraced to support your belief in miracles occurring in our day?***

1. Read John 9:1-7.
	1. ***Based on your reading of the passage, why do miracles happen?***
2. ***As a group, take a few moments to ask God to miraculously intervene in the difficult situations or circumstances that you may be facing right now.***