



DISCUSSION GUIDE OCTOBER 2, 2022

Dive In

Go around and let everyone answer...

Asaph wrote in Psalm 77:7-9 *“Will the Lord reject forever? Will he never show his favor again? Has his unfailing love vanished forever? Has his promise failed for all time? Has God forgotten to be merciful? Has he in anger withheld his compassion?”*

What event or circumstances have caused you to have some doubt about God, Christ, your faith, your church, etc.?

Dig Deep

Read Scripture: Psalm 77: 10-20

¹⁰ Then I thought, *“To this I will appeal: the years when the Most High stretched out his right hand. ¹¹ I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago. ¹² I will consider all your works and meditate on all your mighty deeds.” ¹³ Your ways, God, are holy. What god is as great as our God? ¹⁴ You are the God who performs miracles; you display your power among the peoples. ¹⁵ With your mighty arm you redeemed your people, the descendants of Jacob and Joseph. ¹⁶ The waters saw you, God, the waters saw you and writhed; the very depths were convulsed. ¹⁷ The clouds poured down water, the heavens resounded with thunder; your arrows flashed back and forth. ¹⁸ Your thunder was heard in the whirlwind, your lightning lit up the world; the earth trembled and quaked. ¹⁹ Your path led through the sea, your way through the mighty waters, though your footprints were not seen. ²⁰ You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.*

1. In verses 1-9 of this psalm, Asaph is struggling and maybe even doubting his faith in God. The 2nd half of the psalm, however, shows how Asaph found comfort. How does this provide an example for us to follow?
2. Imagine living in 1st Century Jerusalem and witnessing Jesus’ crucifixion. What kinds of thoughts, emotions, and doubts would you have experienced?
3. Now imagine how your emotions would change if you then saw Jesus after he arose from the grave? How does this shift our characterization of this event that forever changes our relationship with the Lord?
4. What are some “miracles of long ago” that Asaph might be recalling?

Do Big

1. Encourage each other to look for and identify the signs, wonders, and powers of God. Comfort someone who is feeling despair with your testimony.
2. How do you keep your relationship with God fresh so that you can see his miracles?
3. When facing unanswered prayers, you have a choice to turn away from God, OR reaffirm your faith by remembering and trusting in the signs, wonders, & powers of Jesus despite what you are feeling.



LEADERS

Read Psalm 77: 1-20

Background:

David Hume, the Scottish philosopher, believed that miracles do not happen anymore. He defined a miracle as when God works contrary to the laws of nature. The Church took up Hume’s definition and some became “Cessationist” who say God has ceased doing miracles.

Key Thoughts

The Bible defines a miracle as anytime you see **Signs, Wonders, & Powers** and makes no distinction whether such is contrary to the laws of nature or not.

Challenge

See if you can identify at least 1 sign, wonder, or power every day this week. Write them down to share with your group.

Weekly Memory Verse

“¹¹ I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago. ¹² I will consider all your works and meditate on all your mighty deeds.”

Psalm 77:11-12