

1. Get Acquainted: Icebreaker – Ranking the Miracles, 3 options

Early in Brown’s sermon, he mentioned he would rank the birth of Jesus high in his list of the miracles in the Bible. So for fun let’s rank some miracles.

- What are your top 3 miracles in the Bible?
- What are your top 3 weirdest miracles in the Bible? Explain.
- What are you the top 3 miracles you have experienced in your life?

2. Worship: Christians are free, at liberty from the works of Darkness

- Read the following list of Christian freedoms from The Westminster Confession of Faith
- Now read each section again. Stopping at each break to have someone lead the group in Prayer and Praise to God for His Amazing Grace.

Of Christian Liberty

The liberty which Christ hath purchased for believers under the gospel consists in their freedom from:

the guilt of sin,
the condemning wrath of God,
the curse of the moral law;

and in their being delivered from:

this present evil world
the bondage to Satan,
the dominion of sin,
the evil of afflictions,
the sting of death,
the victory of the grave,
and everlasting damnation;

And Also:

in their free access to God,
and their yielding obedience unto him,
not out of slavish fear,
but a childlike love, and a willing mind.

All which were common also to believers under the law; (Old Testament)

But under the New Testament the liberty of Christians is further enlarged in:
their freedom from the yoke of the ceremonial law,
to which the Jewish Church was subjected;

Greater boldness of access to the throne of grace,
and fuller communications of the free Spirit of God,
than believers under the law did ordinarily partake of.

3. Kingdom Centered Prayer: Crucial Christian Conversations (CCC)

Praying about Crucial Christian Conversations you need to have with folks in your life this week. A CCC can be on a wide range of issues and with an equally wide range of relationships. A CCC is a purposed meeting to promote the love of God and love for your neighbor.

CCC Examples:

- Seeking forgiveness
- Communicate an offence or hurt
- Invite someone to a Bible Study
- Someone God wants you to share your testimony
- Someone in need that God wants you to help
- Someone in sin God wants you to love by confronting
- A sales call – to be honest and candid
- A family member who has hurt you
- A meeting with your boss
- And of course all the CCC you don't see coming.

4. Sermon Reflection:

¹² Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” ¹³ So the Pharisees said to him, “You are bearing witness about yourself; your testimony is not true.” ¹⁴ Jesus answered, “Even if I do bear witness about myself, my testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. ¹⁵ You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. ¹⁶ Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is true, for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent me. ¹⁷ In your Law it is written that the testimony of two people is true. ¹⁸ I am the one who bears witness about myself, and the Father who sent me bears witness about me.” ¹⁹ They said to him therefore, “Where is your Father?” Jesus answered, “You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also.” ²⁰ These words he spoke in the treasury, as he taught in the temple; but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.

The Light –

- How is Jesus the Light of the World?
- List the qualities or value of Light.
- How do you see the Light of the Gospel dispelling the darkness:
 - In the world,
 - In Lakeland, In your work, home and marriage
 - In your heart
 - Attitudes, Desires and Practices

The Darkness –

- How is darkness at work in the world?
 - Which works of darkness bother you most?
- What work of darkness in your heart caused you to need the light of Jesus?
- What works of darkness in your heart did Holy Spirit make known to you this week?
 - How does the remaining dark desires and habits humble you and make you cry out to Jesus?

Walking in the Light –

- Describe how following Jesus is like walking in the Light.
- Explain how Jesus
 - is the light for your world
 - and makes light of the world.

5. Mission: 2019 Reflection / 2020 Anticipation

We, as Christians, are told to forget not all his benefits and to be at the ready. Here are some questions we use around Trinity to help us do just that. Have fun with your group and spend some time reflecting on God’s goodness to you in a way that builds energy, hope and encouragement for the coming year. Have someone take notes. We have some folks answers that go back to 2015.

1. How has God shown Himself great to you this past year? Or why do you faith more cuz of 2019?
2. What character quality is the most critical for you to develop in the year 2020?
3. What spiritual discipline (Examples: Bible reading, meditation, Family Worship, Evangelism, Prayer) is most critical for you to master or be mastered by in the year 2020?
4. What personal habit, practice or character deficiency is the greatest threat to your life and ministry?
5. Name 5 people that you most desire to come to love Jesus in the year 2020.
6. How has God called you to “labor” for the Lord of the Harvest this coming year?