



‘When we prayed’ Bible study: Exploring answered prayer through history and scripture

Introduction

This personal study guide is designed to help you explore how God answers prayers and how miracles occur both in the Bible and in our contemporary world. It can be used alongside the podcast "When We Prayed: WWII," accessible at premier.plus/prayed or on your preferred podcast platform.

Session:

1. Opening Prayer

Begin with a prayer to invite God's presence and guidance as you study His Word. Amen.

2. Introduction to the Documentary (10 minutes)

Reflect on any stories of answered prayers you have heard, especially from the podcast series "When We Prayed" or other stories from World War Two, such as the escape from Dunkirk. If possible, listen to a section of the podcast (start at 19 min 45 secs) where God answers the prayers of the British forces. Consider how these stories demonstrate God's intervention. Reflect on whether you believe the events at Dunkirk were an example of God's intervention and an answer to prayer.

3. Personal study: Biblical Accounts of Miracles (20 minutes)

Read the following Bible passages and reflect on how they demonstrate God's power and faithfulness:

- Exodus 14:21-31: The Parting of the Red Sea.
- 1 Kings 18:36-39: Elijah on Mount Carmel.
- Daniel 6:16-23: Daniel in the Lion's Den.
- John 6:1-14: Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand.
- Acts 12:5-17: Peter's Miraculous Escape from Prison.

Reflection Questions:

- What common themes do you see in these stories?
- How do these stories demonstrate God's power and faithfulness?

4. Application: Recognising Modern-Day Miracles (10 minutes)

Think about any modern-day miracles you have witnessed or heard about. Reflect on how to remain hopeful and trust in God's timing and methods of answering prayers. Consider examples of when you have witnessed answered prayers.

5. Reflection: How Does God Answer Prayers Today? (15 minutes)

Contemplate the different ways God can answer prayers—Yes, No, Wait. Reflect on personal experiences of answered prayers, emphasising that miracles and divine interventions still occur today. Consider the importance of faith and patience in awaiting God’s responses to your prayers. Think about the importance of remembering answered prayer or journaling so you can look back.

Conclusion and Prayer (5 minutes)

Summarise key points from your study:

a. God’s Faithfulness in History: Just as God answered prayers and performed miracles during World War Two, such as the remarkable evacuation at Dunkirk, He continues to be active in our lives today. Historical events and personal testimonies remind us that God listens and responds to our needs.

b. Biblical Assurance of Miracles: The Bible is filled with stories of miraculous interventions, from the parting of the Red Sea to Jesus feeding the five thousand. These accounts assure us that the same God who performed these miracles is still capable of intervening powerfully in our lives.

c. Modern-Day Testimonies: By sharing and reflecting on personal experiences of answered prayers, we recognise that God is continually at work in our world. Our faith is strengthened by acknowledging these modern-day miracles and trusting in God’s timing and ways of answering our prayers.

Close with a group prayer, thanking God for His faithfulness and asking for continued faith and patience in His plans.

Additional Resources

Books:

“Remember: Revealing the Eternal Power of Answered Prayer” by Richard Gamble

"Miracles" by Eric Metaxas

"The Case for Miracles" by Lee Strobel

Share your answered prayers and have the stories embedded into the Eternal Wall of Answered Prayer monument. Find out more at eternalwall.org.uk
