



## What's in a Touch? Olen Griffing

- Focus** The miraculous is a sign of God's kingdom coming to earth. God wants to set us free from every problem for His glorious purpose; this happens when we touch Jesus. Make a strategy for how you will pursue Jesus' "touch" and then don't give up.
- Fun** What's the craziest thing that's ever happened to you on a summer trip? Maybe it was a trip during your childhood, a camping experience, or a family vacation. Take time to share your stories and laugh together.
- Review** Key Scripture: Luke 8:41–47
- **A Person with a Problem**  
*Luke 8:43*  
When God forgives someone and heals them emotionally and physically, He is allowing His kingdom to come to earth. God's supernatural power is very much a part of God's kingdom. You're a candidate for a miracle if you have a problem.
  - **A Person with a Strategy**  
*Matthew 14:35*  
The woman with the issue of blood had a strategy. She heard about the power of Jesus, and she was determined to never give up. In the same way, God wants us to prayerfully determine a strategy for our own needs. Once we have a strategy, we need to press on with determination.

- **A Person with the Solution**

*Malachi 4:2*

God has a solution for every problem we face. His power is great and able to do the miraculous in our lives. When we intentionally plug into God's power, we will experience complete wholeness—mind, body, soul, and emotions. We must press into Jesus for His touch and never give up.

**\*Group Dynamics Idea\***

Since we're almost finished with the *Miraculous* series, take some time to share testimonies. Do you need to be healed physically or emotionally? Do you have a relationship or situation that needs a touch from Jesus? Take time to pray with one another.

**Discuss**

1. Read Luke 8:45. Why do you think Jesus asked, "Who touched Me?" What are some of the reasons we need to touch Jesus? What would touching Jesus look like in your own life?
2. Why is touch so important? What other examples in Scripture reveal the importance of touch?
3. Pastor Olen shared how touch was very important to him. Can you think of an example in your own life that would reveal the power of touch? If you're comfortable, share with the group.
4. We've all faced disappointments relating to an unmet need or an unanswered prayer. Have you ever faced a disappointment like this? How did you handle it? Explain.
5. Are you seeking God for a miracle or healing? If so, have you determined a strategy for pressing into Jesus? If you're comfortable, share with the group.

**Take Home**

As we conclude, remember the following:

- God is miraculous.
- Every miracle starts with a problem.
- Have a strategy for your pursuit of God's touch and don't give up.

**Prayer**

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your presence that's here with us right now. Thank You for the Holy Spirit and for Your miraculous power. Help us to

never give up. Give us a plan to press into You until we have finally received a healing touch from You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**\*New Leader Tip\***

Now is a great time to purposefully connect with other leaders as you prepare for the upcoming fall semester. Ask your group oversight for the names of other leaders who you might connect with to create community and brainstorm new ideas. This can be a great opportunity to solve problems or just be encouraged.