

# Small Groups

## Leader Conversation Guide – Miracles of Provision

### Main Idea

This week, Pastor Chris Hodges talked about miracles of provision for Part 3 of, “I’ve Witnessed It,” a series designed to build our faith for miracles. Prosperity is a word that has been misused and misunderstood as people have mistaught “name it and claim it” messages where we can “buy a miracle” from God. That is false. Biblical prosperity, however, is throughout the Bible, and God doesn’t shy away from it. So, neither should we. The word “prosper” means to push forward, and this isn’t just in our finances. This is also in our marriages, health, emotions, and favor. Proverbs 11:25 (NIV) says, “A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.” Biblical prosperity is having more than we need so that we can make an eternal difference in the lives of others. In other words, God blesses us to be a blessing! God wants to be our Provider and is able and willing to give us a miracle in our finances. To receive this, we don’t trust in riches, but in Him who richly provides. God has a lot of promises for our provision, but every promise has a premise. Let’s explore these premises and understand them in our hearts, so that we will receive God’s best!

### Make It Practical

I am blessed when I...

- Put God first.** This is the first of the Ten Commandments. God wants to be first! Putting God first isn’t about giving more, it’s about rearranging everything in a way that places Jesus first in your life. The first has the power to bless the rest! Read Proverbs 3:9-10 (NIV).
- Maintain my integrity.** God will not bless dishonesty or a life out of order. Read Luke 16:10-11 (NIV).
- Give intentionally and generously.** God supplies seeds to a sower who is eternally minded. Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-7, 10-11 (NIV).
- Stay dependent on God.** There is nothing wrong with making money and securing your future, but God doesn’t want you dependent on your wealth. He wants you dependent on Him! Read 1 Timothy 6:17 (NIV) and Proverbs 30:8-9 (NIV).

**“Then Isaac sowed in that land, and reaped in the same year a hundredfold; and the LORD blessed him. The man began to prosper, and continued prospering until he became very prosperous.”**

**Genesis 26:12-13 (NKJV)**

## **Talk About It**

1. Pastor Chris said that God wants to provide for us because our tendency is to take care of ourselves. Discuss these tendencies and how they can affect our lives. As a group say, “I will not trust in riches but in Him who richly provides.”
2. How did your understanding of Biblical prosperity shift after this week’s message? How do you plan to apply it to your life?
3. Share your stories. How did God bless you when you put Him first, maintained your integrity, gave intentionally and generously, and remained dependent on God?

**“God wants to bless us to be a blessing.”**

## **Prayer**

Jesus, thank You for wanting to be our Provider and for blessing us so that we can be a blessing to others. Help us to release control of our finances and trust You – the One who has the best plans for us. See our needs for financial miracles, and make a way, Father. Today, we commit to putting You first, maintaining our integrity, giving intentionally and generously, and remaining dependent on You. We’re so thankful that when You planned for us, it included our provision. It’s in Your name we pray. Amen.

## **Leader Tips**

The Fall Small Group Semester is September 1 – November 30. Encourage others to join, lead, or co-lead a group this semester. To register a group or register to attend Small Group Leader Training, visit [www.churchofthehighlands.com/groups](http://www.churchofthehighlands.com/groups). Life is better in a group!