

For Further Reflection and Action

Personally

David Wilkinson encourages us to not make God too small, or in other words to let God be God. Take some time to quietly think this through. How open are you to God surprising you?

Is there a 'Gary' in your life? If so, keep on praying for a miracle in their life!

It may be that reading this you have been hurt by the deceitful and manipulative words or actions of someone purporting to act in the name of Jesus. If so I would encourage you to seek counsel and help.

Locally

How can your community of disciples be a sign to the wonder of God's love in your local context?

Could you offer radical generous hospitality to strangers in your community as a sign of God's Kingdom?

In these days there is a renewed openness to ministries of healing for those distressed in body, mind or spirit. Could you offer such ministry to your community through the holy habits of prayer and the breaking of bread (in the context of Holy Communion)?

Globally

Christians in other continents, Africa in particular, have different world views and understandings of signs and wonders to those in the West. Take some time to explore these, being open to learn from them. Alison Morgan's writing would help here.

Reflect on the Heartsong story. How could you be a sign and wonder of grace to a people from a different culture or context? Perhaps one that is in the majority in a country where Christians are a persecuted minority.

Biblical Passages to Reflect On

- Read through the biblical material referenced in this chapter.

What do you notice in these passages?

What will you do or change in the light of what you have read and noticed?