

First Congregational Church Confirmation—Year 2 September 30, 2020

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The Bible: A Lens to See God



What do glasses do?

What are lenses?

How do different lenses show the world differently?

A *worldview* is how you see the world.

Remember! The Bible is similar to a pair of glasses. The Bible helps us to see the world from God's point of view. The Bible shows us the world, our neighbors, and ourselves through God and God's Way.

In God's Way:

Neighbors are...

Young people can...

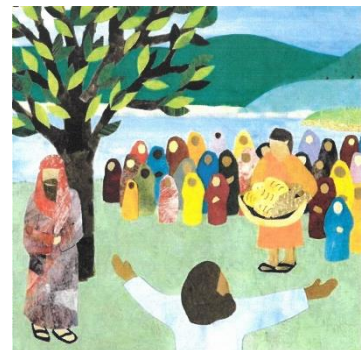
Disciples...

These things matter much...

These things don't matter much...

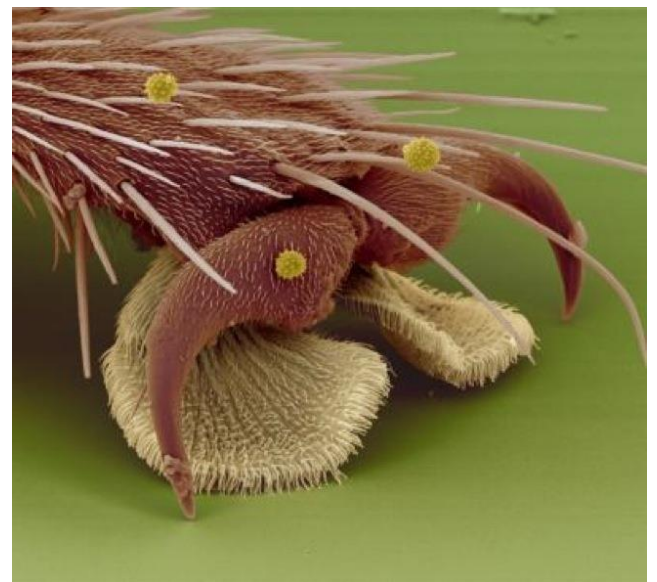
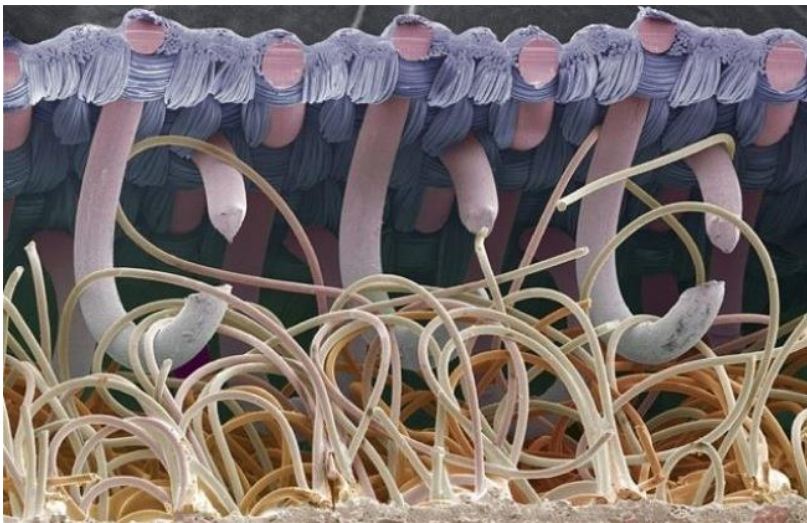
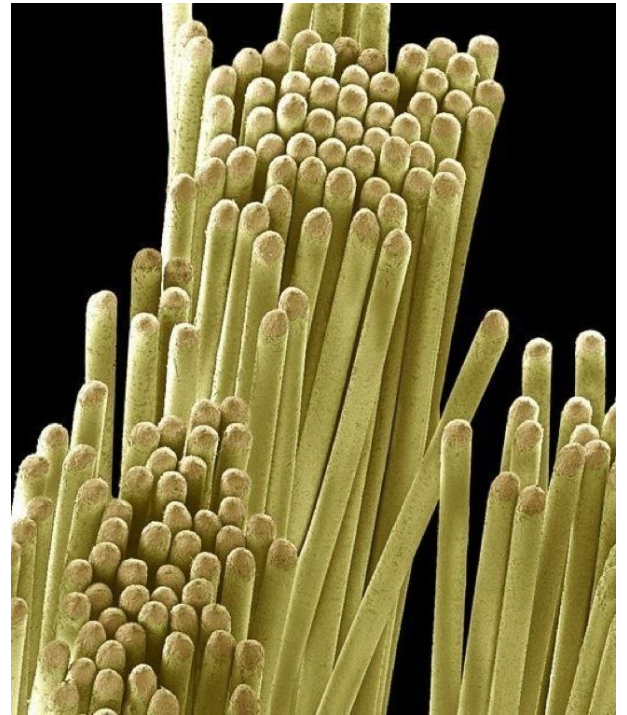
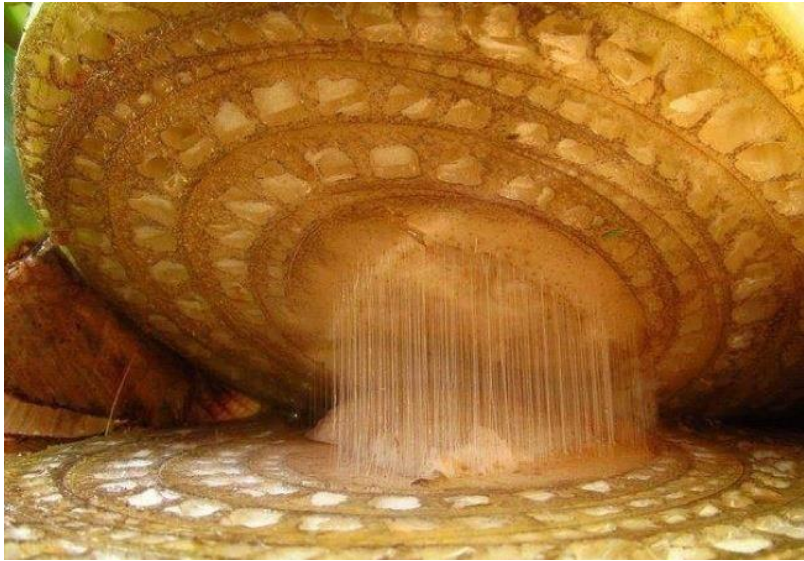


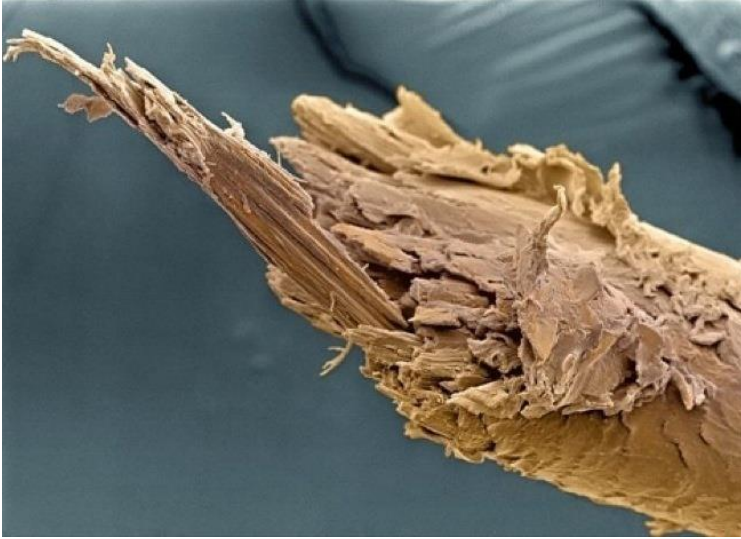
The Bible Shows Us...Miracles



The Bible tells many stories about miracles. It is tricky to know where to look, how to listen, and what to focus on when it comes to miracle stories.

You have all seen these, but what in the world are they???





Sometimes if you look too closely, you miss what is really going on. Why?

Talk about *Jesus Feeds the 5,000*
John 6:1-14

- In ten words or fewer, tell what you think is the most important idea in this story.
- What is confusing about this story?
- What does this story say about God?
- What does this story say about the world?
- What does this story say about or to you?
- Is this story about having little or having much? How so?
- What is an idea in this story to take with you?
- This story is very, very old. Why do you think ancient people saved this story for us?

Definition: A miracle is an event or time or experience that leads people to know God is part of their lives. Miracles are often unexpected and impossible to explain, and yet for the one experiencing the miracle, it is as true as anything can possibly be.

Consider:

- What strikes you about the definition of a *miracle* above?
- Why do you think Jesus performed this miracle?
- What is the difference between a miracle and magic?
- What do you think this story tells us about Jesus?
- Do you think people need to understand a miracle in order to appreciate the miracle? How so?
- Jesus wrought miracles. What else did Jesus do?

Homework for Next Time: October 14

1. Keep track of your Gateway. Worship on October 4 and 11.
2. Use the Talk Together pages in the red folder in your bag. Talk about one story each week with your family. Record it on your Gateway.
3. Do page 18 (The Samaritan Woman at the Well) in your workbook for our next lesson.