Handout 4-A

**The Measure of Success**

Success. People dress for it, pray for it, work for it, cheat for it, and sometimes die for it. But what is it? And how do we measure it? Review the examples below of popular measures for success. Then add four terms of your own.

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| talent |  | beauty |  | brains |  | ambition |
| money |  | luck |  | satisfaction |  | great clothes |
| friendship |  | power |  | winning |  | popularity |
| fame |  | possessions |  | peace of mind |  | competitiveness |

**Name four people you believe to be successful. For each person you name, tell why.**

1.

2.

3.

4.

**How do you define success?**

**In what ways are you successful?**

Handout 4-B

**Miracles: Signs of Faith, Power, and the Kingdom of God**

Group Members

Fill in the chart for your five miracles. If you have more than five miracles, create your own boxes on the back of the page.

**Types of Miracles**

Physical = PH Exorcism = E Nature = N

Raisings from the Dead = R

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| Miracle (What type? PH, E, N, R) | Citation(s)/ Brief summary | What is the role of faith? | How does this miracle show Jesus’ divine power? | What does the miracle teach about the King- dom of God? |
| *Example:* Wed- ding at Cana (N) | Jn 2:1–11/Mary asks Jesus to con- vert water to wine at a wedding. | Mary has faith in Jesus’ ability to help. | Jesus is able to convert water into excellent wine. | There will be nothing that is good lacking in the Kingdom. |
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Handout 4-C

**Reflections for the Luminous Mysteries**

Write a short personal reflection on the meaning of each of the luminous mysteries. Or you may wish to write a prayer for each mystery. Read the Gospel accounts prior to writing your reflections. Don’t be afraid to be creative.

The Baptism of the Lord (Mk 1:2–11)

The Wedding at Cana (Jn 2:1–12)

The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God (Mt 5–7 and/or parables)

The Transfiguration (Mt 17:1–8)

The Institution of the Eucharist (Lk 22:14–20)