



Week of January 20, 2019

John 2:1-11

¹ On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there.

² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding.

³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine."

⁴ And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come."

⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

⁶ Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons.

⁷ Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim.

⁸ He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it.

⁹ When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom

¹⁰ and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now."

¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Note:

This story is only reported in the Gospel of John. It is called the first of Jesus' miracles.



Group Leader

Remember: you don't need to use all of the questions. Go with what works. Give people a chance to think before answering, but if a question falls flat, move on. Let the discussion go where it needs to go, as long as it remains centered around the lesson. Give the participants page 1. Use this page for yourself.

Gathering questions:

- A. What was the attitude toward alcohol in your home growing up? How has that continued to impact you today?
- B. In what ways do you like to impress others? How is someone else most likely to impress you?

Bible Study Questions:

1. How badly do you feel for the family hosting the wedding? Is running out of wine that big of a deal to you?
2. Why do you think Mary would bring the problem to Jesus' attention? How/why would Mary believe that Jesus had supernatural power?
3. How do you feel about Jesus' response to his mother? If it bothers you, what part of it bothers you the most?
4. Why do you think Jesus decided to perform the miracle?
5. Why do you think the steward's response to tasting the wine is about the order in which the wine is served? What is the lesson for us of serving good wine last?
6. What is a piece of "common sense" that you used to believe but no longer believe to be true? Why did your belief change?
7. How has faith changed what you believe about how you should think and behave in secular areas of your life?

Closing prayer: particularly invite prayers for areas of your life where you need a change in perspective.