



LIFE Groups Sermon-Based Discussion Questions

The Gospel of John: Believe

"Jesus, Bigger and Better"

John 2:1-12, for the week of Sunday, May 6, 2018

I. Read vv1-3. In the Old Testament, wine is a symbol of joy. In effect, Mary is saying to Jesus, "They have no joy." As a group, talk about the emptiness of life apart from knowing Christ. Try to come up with all the ways that a Christ-less life is the empty life (or a living death). How is this true? What was your life like prior to trusting Christ and following him?

Supplemental material to help discussion from the sermon

•Eccles 9:7, Eccles 10:19, Is 24:11

•*If you don't have Christ, your life is a living death, and it's really, truly empty. It's a vat filled with water, not wine.*

II. Christians are people who have experienced Jesus' miracle of turning water to wine. What difference has Christ made in your life? How are you growing to see Jesus as "bigger" (like Lucy saw Aslan)? And what do you imagine the new heavens and new earth to be like as your joy increases in Christ forever (or as C.S Lewis wrote, "in which every chapter is better than the one before.")?

Supplemental material to help discussion from the sermon

•Jn 10:10

•*Becoming a Christian involves a total transformation of our lives, from water to wine, from emptiness to abundance, because of what Jesus does for us and in us.*

•*C.S. Lewis, The Last Battle: "And as He spoke, He no longer looked to them like a lion; but the things that began to happen after that were so great and beautiful that I cannot write them. And for us this the end of all the stories, and we can most truly say that they all lived happily ever after. But for them it was only the beginning of the real story. All their life in this world and all their adventures in Narnia had only been the cover and the title page: now at last they were beginning Chapter One of the Great Story which no one on earth has read: which goes on forever; in which every chapter is better than the one before."*