



### Small Group Bible Study

WK 1: Our Doubts – His Power

For sermon from Jan 20, 2019

John 2:1-11

#### WARM UP

1. What is the most memorable thing you ever saw at a wedding?

#### INTO THE TEXT

2. Why do you think Mary turned to Jesus to fix the problem at the wedding?
3. How would you explain Jesus' response to Mary (Woman, why do you involve me . . . my time has not yet come)?
4. Imagine being one of the servants who had to fill the water. What do you think was going through their head throughout all of this?
5. In what way do you think Jesus miracle at the wedding at Cana was more than just a kind act for a newly wed couple? Why do you think Jesus did it?

#### DIGGING DEEPER

6. There is no end to the amount of ways that human beings struggle to do whatever Jesus says. Sometimes what Jesus says doesn't make sense to us. Sometimes people simply prefer to do what they want to do.
  - a. What is the first example you think of as you consider this?
  - b. What are the resulting consequences of NOT doing what Jesus says and instead, doing what they want to do?

7. Pastor Olson specifically mentioned God's design for marriage in the sermon. Look at the different verses that speak of God's design for marriage. What is God's design? In what way do we and/or others do the opposite? In what way has a specific aspect of God's design of marriage been a blessing in your life?
  - Genesis 2:18-24
  - Mt 19:4-6
  - Hebrew 13:4
  - Ephesians 5:21-33

#### NOW WHAT?

8. "Do whatever he tells you". What are some ways that we can go about teaching the next generation about following what Jesus says, instead of what they want to do or instead of what may make sense to them?

**Commented [OD6]:** You could go through the 10 commandments here. But people struggle to trust in a God that they can't see. He says not to worry because he is taking care of us, but we worry. God says to come to church, but 90% of our nation doesn't on a Sunday. God says not to gossip, not to fight, but emotions get the best of us at times. There are limitless possibilities here.

**Commented [OD1]:** This is meant to be a safe/non-threatening question to simply get the group talking.

**Commented [OD7]:** Think through what happens when a child decides to fight a kid instead of not fighting, They face trouble with their parents. Lose their friends, etc. Talk through this with the group.

**Commented [OD2]:** She knew who Jesus was and saw an immediate need.

**Commented [OD8]:** God's design for marriage here is the leaving the father and mother, being united in one flesh, the blessing of sex between just two people, and not before marriage. Husband is the head the woman is the helper/submissive one. One man, and one woman, for life, till death do us part. I think you guys can think of some consequences.

**Commented [OD3]:** I have a whole section in the sermon about this. "What Jesus says back is at first kind of shocking. The first thing is he calls her woman. "Woman, why do you involve me?" To our ears it sounds rude and insulting, especially a son talking to his mother. But it isn't. It's a typical and even respectful way to talk to another person. In fact Jesus uses the same term to his mother when he is dying on the cross and says to her out of love, "Woman, here I am"

**Commented [OD4]:** I mentioned this in my sermon that I would have been questioning listening to Jesus because there were more important matters to attend to. They just ran out of wine. Getting water wasn't going to help.

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**Commented [OD10]:** Answers will vary, but I pray the answer is based on being evangelical and not forcing people to be good for goodness sake. Rather we are motivated by

**Commented [OD5]:** Jesus miracles are always about more than just helping people. In fact if his miracles were only about helping people he failed because not everyone in the world during his time was healed, fed, etc. He did it