



IMMANUEL CHURCH

Conversation Starter: Shock & Awe
March 12, 2017

Opening Questions:

- Take some time to share about the most mundane parts of your life. Where do you see a lack of excitement or a dullness? Where's the blah? Why have you decided to put the things you've just put in this category, in this category?
- Have you ever thought about the second definition of mundane: *of this earthly world rather than a heavenly or spiritual one*? Is it true that most people want to live at the intersection of heaven and earth? Even unchurched people? What's the feeling we're all longing to experience in our lives?

Looking at Scripture:

- Read **John 2:1-11**... At a typical American wedding celebration, what would be the equivalent of running out of wine? What could go wrong that would lead to social disaster? Have you ever been in a situation like that?
- What would you have been thinking if you were one of those servants? Jesus is telling you to use religious items for something other than religious practice; he's telling you to fill them with something other than what you need most; and he's not explaining how the whole thing will play out. Are you following instructions?
- What's at risk in your life as you consider doing whatever Jesus says? Even if you agree with the notion that he turns blah into beautiful, why do you hesitate more than those servants? And why is obedience such an important part of this miracle anyway?
- If Jesus were to change something in your life, what would it be?

Application Questions:

- The bottom line this week was: **JESUS TURNS THE MUNDANE INTO THE MAJESTIC.** Why is it important to remember the part of this passage where Jesus' disciples believed? Is that how you'd see the point of Jesus changing something in *your* life?
- Detect...deal...do...divulge. Where's the blah in your life and how do you plan to participate in Jesus changing everything about it this week? What's *your* next step? Is it recognizing your need? Is it offering God what you *do* have? Maybe it's taking a step of obedience to whatever he tells you. Maybe you've already experienced a profound change, you just haven't let anyone know...
- Are you someone God can use to reveal his glory? Why or why not?

End your time together praying for one another; pray God changes the mundane into the majestic this week for the group. Ask him for what you need, give him what you have, and do what he says. Ask him to help you respond in obedience each step of the way.