

Don't forget – March 6th is a Small Group party at Brazos Pointe!!

Share the details with your group and make sure they know they can bring their families. An invitation with details is in your email.

– **What was the most fun wedding you've ever attended?**

If it better suits your group, you could even ask - what was your wedding like? Or What do you want your wedding to be like?

– **Have you ever been helped or blessed by someone anonymously?**

As we continue our journey with Jesus through the Gospel of John, we will see Him perform His first miracle to save the party at a wedding celebration. In the midst of this miracle, Jesus will also give us a “sign” about what He is ultimately here to do.

Have someone volunteer to read John 2:1-11

– **What did Jesus mean when He said “my time has not yet come?”**

While Jesus is calling disciples and ramping up His ministry, He is telling Mary that it is not yet time for Him to fully reveal His power and His purpose. Jesus knows that once word gets out about who and what He is really here to do, the people will turn on Him, ending in His death.

– **Who witnessed Jesus' first miracle? What was their response?**

The disciples and servants saw Jesus' miracle, but it was unknown to the wedding party and guests. The disciples, having seen what Jesus was capable of, believed.

– **Jesus demonstrates His power to transform one thing into another. What/who have you seen Jesus transform? How did that impact you?**

The hope here is to realize, in the same way that those who saw Jesus' miracle were impacted, we too have seen Jesus transform other things. This can be other people, groups, churches, communities, etc. Help your group think about how witnessing Jesus' power in those instances affected them.

The jars Jesus uses for the miracle have significance and help us understand this “sign.” Not only were they significant in the wedding ceremony, but the origin of their purification goes back to the Old Testament.

Have someone volunteer to read Exodus 19:10-11, 14

– **Once you understand what the jars were going to be used for...How does Jesus change the significance of the jars?**

If this question seems confusing you can reference our leader podcast where we go into some more depth about this. In Exodus, Moses and the people were instructed to wash their clothes and themselves before they could be in the presence of the Lord. The jars were used for a similar ceremonial purification during the wedding. Jesus repurposes them by performing this miracle. He is demonstrating to us that after Jesus and His sacrifice, there will no longer need to be a cleaning of self before we can approach God. Jesus' sacrifice was enough for us to be fully forgiven and have a relationship with God.

Have someone volunteer to read John 2:10

– **How does this statement about Jesus' actions point to the truth of Jesus' promise?**

It would probably be a safe assumption that the wine Jesus created was the best wine that has ever been created. The "master of the feast" even recognizes its quality. This is meant to show us that Jesus has arrived to bring with Him a new and better covenant from God. You could even have your group read Hebrews 8:6.

– **What is something Jesus has transformed in you?**

While this question is simple, it can be for your group to discuss. It would be helpful for you to be prepared to share something to get the conversation going and help your group understand the question. It might be helpful to look back and see how Jesus has transformed us over time.

– **What is one thing you would like Jesus to transform in your life?**

This can be a vulnerable question, but if you help your group by sharing first, it can lead to some great discussion and even some next steps.

Prayer Time

When you pray for your group at the end of your meeting, pray Mary's instructions in **John 2:5** over your group. That we would be willing to do whatever Jesus' asks of us and be willing to following any opportunity He puts before us.