

Encountering Christ: Wedding At Cana

Life Group Questions – February 19, 2012

Pastor Jeff – (John 2:1-11)



Connect

1. Ever been to a wedding where something humorous, embarrassing or unusual happened?

Study

1. Read John 2:1-3. What potentially disastrous thing occurred at this wedding? Why was it such a big deal in the Middle Eastern culture of that day?

2. Read John 2:4-5. What is the possible explanation for Jesus' mother knowing about the wine running out? Why does Jesus seem to answer her with a rude tone—what is His meaning?

3. Jesus says (in verse 4) "*My time (or hour) has not yet come.*" It's a recurring theme in John's gospel. Look up the following verses (John 7:6,8,30; 8:20; 12:23,27; 13:1; 16:32; 17:1). What do these verses teach us is Jesus' "time" or "hour?"

4. Jesus' mother (in verse 5) tells the servants, "*Do whatever he tells you.*" What had she learned in her own life about the importance of obeying (Luke 1:26-38, especially verse 38)? Was obedience easy for Mary (turn back to Luke 2:4-7,34-36)? What did it cost her to obey?

5. Read 2:6-10. How did Jesus' first miracle take place? What people were involved, and how did they participate? What questions do you have & what most interests you about this miracle? Would you have taken some of the water to the master of the banquet?

6. Read John 2:11. Jesus' miracle at the wedding in Cana is the "*first of His miraculous signs.*" What is a sign—what is it meant to do for us? All 4 Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke & John) chronicle 35 of Jesus' miracles. How many miraculous signs does John share in his gospel? According to John 20:30-31, why does he record the ones he does?

7. We read (in verse 11) that Jesus' disciples "*put their faith (or believed) in Him.*" Today, faith or believing has been reduced to just intellectually agreeing that's something's true or valid. How does this differ from the definition for faith found in the notes?

8. What keeps us from obeying whatever Jesus tells us to do? What can motivate us to obey? What does Jesus promise to us when we obey Him (John 14:21,23)?

9. Is there a specific step of obedience Jesus is telling you to do these days?

Pray

Move into groups of two, and pray for one another—ask God for the courage so whatever Jesus may be telling them to do, they'll be able to trust & obey Him this week, whatever it may cost.