

DISCOVERING LIFE TOGETHER SERIES: THE GOSPEL OF JOHN
THE NEED FOR JESUS: "OF" OR "IN"? (JOHN 2:1-11)

NOTES:

Questions for Community Groups and Individual Bible Study:

For Starters: What has your experience been with weddings (your own or standing up in someone's)? What are some of the pressures that come with being involved in a wedding? Share any problems you experienced preparing for a wedding or on the wedding day and how it was resolved.

The Basics: Read John 2:1-11. Think of it like a story. What are the scenes? Someone in your group try to retell the story without using your Bible. What is the problem? What is the solution? What is the result?

Quick Fire Round John 2:1-11:

The Timing of God (2:1-4)

- V. 1-2 - John says, "On the third day." Some mistake this for a reference to the resurrection of Jesus. Look back at John 1:29 and 1:35. What does it actually mean?
- V. 3 - What was the problem? Why was Mary was so concerned about the lack of wine? When Jesus said, "My hour has not yet come" what was He talking about? How might this relate to trusting in the timing of God in your own life?

The Grace of God (2:5-10)

- If you are a mother or have mothers in your group, share how you can relate to what Mary did.... Why do you suppose it was usually the case that the best wine was served first, then the inferior?
- How does Jesus performing this miracle tie in with John 1:1-4? How does it demonstrate His grace toward Mary and the wedding party?

The Glory of God (2:11)

- What does John say this miracle displayed/manifested? What was the result of this miracle? Compare this to the stated purpose of John's Gospel in John 20:30-31.
- Why do you suppose John chose this of so many miracles to lead you to believe?

The challenge: From this passage, how does this miracle relate to John 1:1-4 and how might you use this miracle to witness to someone who does not know Jesus?

Memorize John 1:11 – Jesus performed this first sign in Cana of Galilee. He displayed His glory, and His disciples believed in Him.

Prayer: Father, thank you for teaching me to trust Your Timing, for being a gracious creator who meets my needs, and for helping me see the glory of your Son, Jesus.

Resource: *Worship the Lord in light of His glory revealed. This link will take you to a YouTube version of the song, "Our God" which will be sung on the Sunday this message is shared.*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=01Yj7H-eSiM>