

JESUS & THE DISAPPOINTED + JOHN 2:1-11

Open up with prayer: asking that God's Spirit would lead and guide your study of this text, giving thanks for the community God has given us, asking for encouragement amongst one another, and for God to be honored, etc.

OPENER

- Are you missing/have you missed a celebration because of COVID? Share your experience(s). What emotions and feelings does it bring up in you? Have you found new celebrations? What have you done with family or friends to inspire fun, joy, and celebration?

STUDY/DISCUSS

1. Running out of wine was not just inconvenient—but a social disaster and disgrace! The family would have to live with the shame of it for a long time to come; bride and groom might regard it as bad luck on their married life. If you had been a wedding guest, what do you imagine your reaction would have been to this miracle?
2. What is Jesus' first response when his mother asks him to do something about this crisis?
3. What might have motivated Jesus to act despite the fact that he believed his "time" hadn't come yet?
4. When a disappointment arises in your life, what is typically your initial response? Ignore it and hope it solves itself? Scramble to find a solution? Or ask Jesus to step in and help?
5. There are two things that stand out about this miracle: 1) Jesus came through in a time of need; and, 2) He provided in abundance. Where do you see Jesus' transforming power at work in your life today? Can you think of a time in your life he has met a need abundantly?
6. When we think of Jesus' miracles, we often think of the spectacular ones, such as the healing of the blind and lame or raising the dead. Yet, the first recorded miracle in John wasn't spectacular. It was a miracle that brought joy and resolved a problem by turning water into wine. Does this impact the way you view or see Jesus and His ministry?
7. What impact did this miracle have on Jesus' disciples? What impact does it have on you?

COMMITMENT FOR THIS WEEK

Consider how can you bless someone—whether in your circle of friends, workplace, neighborhood, etc.—while keeping it quiet and not drawing attention to yourself.

PRAY

Take some time to pause, reflect, and pray—asking for God to reveal where some miracles are taking place today that you may not be seeing clearly.