

Discussion Guide: The Gospel of John | John 2:1-12

Gathering Question:

What is one way you've experienced God in your life this week?

Gathering Prayer.

Father, by Your Spirit, would you guide us into all truth. Help us to hear and be attentive to Your voice as we work through this study. In the name of Jesus, Your Son, we pray, Amen.

Opening Questions

- What stood out to you in the sermon?
- What insights did you gain?
- What questions did it raise?

Read John 2:1-12

The Ceremonial Jars

- Why do you think Jesus chose the ceremonial jars—not wine jugs—for this miracle?
- These jars were used for religious purification. What might Jesus be saying by filling them with wine instead?
- How does this repurposing of the jars reflect what Jesus came to do with religion and human effort?

The Wine

- In the Bible, wine can represent both joy and judgment. How are both seen in this story?
- The sermon pointed out that the wine ran out—what might that symbolize about earthly sources of joy?
- Jesus provides wine in overflowing abundance. What does this say about the joy He offers? How is it different from what the world offers?

The Wedding

- Why do you think Jesus chose a wedding for His first miracle?
- The sermon connects this wedding feast to the wedding supper of the Lamb (Revelation 19). How does this shift our perspective on what Jesus is doing in this story?
- What does this story tell us about Jesus' desire for relationship over religion?

To Believe in Him

- What does it mean to “believe” in Jesus as John describes it in verse 11—not just intellectually, but relationally? How is trusting a person different from believing facts about them?
- The sermon said we trust Jesus when we know His character—that He’s kind. What moments in your life have helped you see that Jesus is truly kind and trustworthy? Can you think of a time when you experienced His care in a personal way?
- Is there an area of your life right now where it’s hard to trust Jesus?

Closing Prayer