

Small Group Discussion Guide: The Wedding at Cana

I Saw the Sign

John 2:1-12

Opening Icebreaker:

- Have you ever been to a wedding where something unexpected happened? How was the situation handled?
 - What's your favorite celebration memory?
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Read John 2:1-12 Together

- Take turns reading the passage aloud.
 - What stands out to you from the passage?
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Discussion Questions:

1. What We Learn from the Wedding

In first-century Jewish culture, weddings were major community events. Running out of wine would have been a significant social embarrassment.

- Why do you think Mary took the problem of the wine shortage to Jesus?
 - How does this story challenge the way we separate “sacred” and “secular” parts of our lives?
 - Can you think of a time when God cared about a seemingly small or non-spiritual detail in your life?
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2. What We Learn from Jesus

Jesus initially responds to Mary with “Why do you involve me?” but then chooses to act.

- What does this tell us about Jesus’ willingness to be involved in our daily lives?

- The sermon mentioned that Jesus adapted His plans to God’s providence. Have you ever experienced a moment where your plans changed unexpectedly, but you later saw God at work?
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3. What We Learn from the Wine

The new wine Jesus provided was better than the first.

- In the Old Testament, abundant wine was a symbol of the Messianic age (Amos 9:13-15). How does this miracle point to Jesus’ identity?
 - What do you think is the significance of Jesus using ceremonial washing jars for the miracle?
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4. What We Learn from Mary

Jesus calls Mary “Woman,” which might seem unusual to us.

- How does this moment reflect Jesus’ mission being bigger than just His earthly relationships?
 - The sermon suggested that Mary would have understood being treated like a disciple as an honor. What does this teach us about discipleship?
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5. What We Learn from the Master of the Banquet

The master of the banquet was amazed that the best wine had been saved for last.

- How does this illustrate the way Jesus fulfills and surpasses our expectations?
 - The sermon concluded with the idea that Jesus brings the **better party** – ultimately pointing to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb (Revelation 19:9). How does this miracle encourage us to anticipate what Jesus has in store for us in eternity?
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Application:

- Where in your life do you need to trust Jesus more fully?
 - How can you be attentive to moments where God may be calling you to act unexpectedly?
 - This miracle demonstrated Jesus' care for both the big picture and small details. How does this encourage you in your daily life?
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Prayer Time:

- Spend some time praying together, thanking Jesus for his provision and presence in both ordinary and extraordinary moments.
 - Ask for faith to trust him even when circumstances don't make sense.
 - Pray for eyes to see God's hand at work in the small details of life.
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Closing Thought: Just as Jesus turned water into wine, he continues to transform our lives. May we be people who see the signs of his work, trust in his goodness, and live in response to his grace.