

LIFE Group Discussion Questions

John 2:1-12

Week of Oct 3 – Oct 10, 2010

Summary: In Cana, almost 2000 years ago, Jesus attended a wedding as an invited guest. It was here that Jesus would perform His first miraculous sign. Why a wedding where it appears that a celebration may get cut short by a day? A mere social faux pas (and perhaps legal action) seemed to be the only ramification of Jesus not taking action. Why is this the chosen setting for Jesus first miraculous sign? This act would encapsulate his entire ministry on earth. He cares about the mundane aspects of our lives, and yet he has a huge celebration planned for his people. Throughout scripture, God describes his relationship to us in these terms – He is the bridegroom, and we (the church, his people) are the bride. This is why marriage is sacred. The Lord desires to celebrate, and he rejoices over us as a groom over his bride.

Discussion and Questions

These questions do not need to be covered exhaustively; rather, they are meant as a guide to further exploration on the various applications and observations from the text, so use what is most helpful for your group context.

1. Read John 2:1-12 What strikes you differently than when you've read or heard this in the past? Have you thought about the deeper symbolism?
 - a. The wedding itself?
 - b. The wine running out?
 - c. The water jars? Is the number significant?
2. Have you considered the consistent theme of God seeing us as his bride? See Isaiah 62:5, Rev 21:2-4
3. Does celebration mark your life?
4. Have you reflected on Isaiah 25:6-9
5. How do we reconcile suffering with celebration? What scripture supports your response?
6. Consider the 7 miraculous signs of Jesus [Jn 2:6,10; Jn 4:47, 49-50; Jn 5:5; Jn6:19; Jn 6:13; Jn 9:1-12; Jn 11:17,39]...who do you know that you may be able to share these with the hope that they may believe (Jn 20:30-31)? Pray for the opportunity to expose your family, friends, clients, and customers to God's word. Invite them to NCCC as we explore the Gospel of John.