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### WELCOME to remind us why we're here.

⌚ Spend about 5 minutes here.

**Mission** – To become more like Jesus – together.

**Vision** – We work out our salvation side-by-side—with honesty, humility, and hope. We walk with one another, not just to talk about Jesus, but to be transformed by him. (Philippians 2:12–13)

**Guidelines** – Our Group Guidelines help us live out our mission and vision with kindness and humility. We encourage you to read and discuss the guidelines together regularly—they can be found on the last page.

### HEAD to help us examine what the word shows and let in what's true.

⌚ Spend about 10 minutes here.

- What stands out to you in this passage?
- What do you imagine it would have been like to witness this miracle?
- Why do you think Jesus chose this as his first miracle?

### HEART to help us wrestle with what we believe and be with each other in it.

⌚ Spend about 30 minutes here.

- What does it mean to you that Jesus made better wine, not just more wine?
- Where do you struggle to believe that Jesus wants to bring you joy?
- Jesus uses this miracle as a foretaste of the final wedding feast between God and his people. How does picturing God as a host preparing a feast for his children shape how you relate to him?

### HANDS to help us live out the truth with the Spirit as we go out into the world.

⌚ Spend about 15 minutes here.

- **Meditate on the following reflection now and throughout the week:** Jesus, help me trust your generous heart and receive your joy and abundance this week.
- **Use the following prayer based on Psalms 16 to close your time together:**

Lord, you are our chosen portion and our cup;

You make our lot secure.

In your presence there is fullness of joy. Amen.

### LEADER RESOURCES

- [Weekly Leader Video](#) • [Bible Project John Part 1](#) • [Why The Gospel of John Is Special](#) • [Tim Keller Podcasts on John](#) •

### NEXT WEEK'S PASSAGE

John 2:13-22

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# Misunderstood Messiah:

## The Gospel of John

### Misunderstood Wedding Gift

JOHN 2:1-12

#### CORE TRUTH

Week of February 8, 2026

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#### SETTING THE SCENE

Jesus is invited to a wedding in Cana, where he reveals something unexpected about the kind of kingdom he has come to bring. In saving a young couple from social shame and sparing them the humiliation of running out of wine at their wedding, he gives a glimpse of how he will one day rescue all his people from their deepest shame—and not just rescue them, but bless them with grace far beyond what they could imagine. His kingdom is marked by refreshing abundance, overflowing in the way he provides for those he loves.

#### SCRIPTURE

1 On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. 2 Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. 3 When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." 4 And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." 5 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." 6 Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. 7 Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. 8 And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it.

9 When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom 10 and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." 11 This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him. 12 After this he went down to Capernaum, with his mother and his brothers and his disciples, and they stayed there for a few days.

## DISCIPLESHIP GROUP GUIDELINES

- **Safe Group:** We strive for an environment where everyone can be open, and honest about his or her struggles and victories.
- **Confidentiality:** What is said in the group stays in the group.
- **Listen:** We want to value one another by really listening to what is being shared. Try to avoid thinking about how you are going to respond while someone is sharing.
- **Pause:** Allowing a pause in the conversation after one person shares and before the next person shares gives the person sharing a chance to finish. A pause also gives the group an opportunity to consider before responding.
- **Silence:** It is important to allow silence in the group as it provides an opportunity for people to think deeply, to gather their thoughts in order to share, and to genuinely consider what others have shared.
- **One Conversation at a Time:** Be considerate of others as they are sharing. No side conversations.
- **No Fixing:** We are not here to fix each other; Jesus does that part. Give encouragement and ask questions, but try not to solve or fix one another.
- **No Rescuing:** When people are sharing something deeply personal, please resist the tendency to try to make them feel better about themselves or their situation by providing immediate condolences. This will often cause people to stop sharing.
- **Be Curious:** By asking the next question, we communicate genuine interest. We keep the conversation moving forward while building relationships and intimacy.
- **Be Self-Aware:** Be mindful of how you are personally affecting the small group environment through your words, actions, and non-verbal communication. Be sensitive about the amount of time you share, whether too much (dominating) or not enough (hiding).
- **Use "I" Statements:** It is very easy to talk about other people's issues, but, for our purposes, we want to put ourselves on the table. Use "I" statements rather than "them", "the church", "people", "you", "us", "we", etc.
- **Resolve Conflict Biblically:** As a group we commit to extend grace to one another. Conflict is not bad, it's an opportunity for growth. We are all being transformed to be more like Jesus. Conflict and change are a part of that journey. (Matthew 18)
- **Manage Technology:** Let's respect one another by silencing alerts on our devices.



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