

Community Group Discussion

January 12, 2021

Purpose: Love one another and grow as a community of believers

Text: John 2:1-11

Theme: With Jesus, the best is always yet to be.

Overarching thought: There is no condition of life in which we cannot abide in Jesus. We have to learn to abide in Him wherever we are placed. – Oswald Chambers

Jesus first miracle turning water into wine (Jn. 2)

- Mary the mother of Jesus was attending a wedding in Cana of Galilee; also in attendance were Jesus and his disciples. During the wedding Mary came to Jesus with a problem, they had run out of wine. (vs. 1-5) Mary exhibits faith and trust in Jesus by bringing the need to Him.
 - o Mary had faith that asks:
 - When you have a problem or need do you bring it to Jesus first? What is your first tendency?
 - o Mary had faith that trusts: Mary left the problem with Jesus trusting he would do what is best.
 - What does complete trust in Jesus look like in your life? Less worry, fear? More peace, joy? What are barriers to keep you from trusting Jesus?
- There were six water jars setting there for Jewish purification, Jesus commands the servants to begin filling the jars with water. The servants obeyed and filled up the six jars to the brim. (vs. 6)
 - o Does it ever seem at times you don't understand what Jesus is doing or asking you to do?
 - o How often are we tempted, or decide to do what we think instead of what Jesus asks? Usually what is the outcome when we follow our own way?

Maybe Jesus is asking or leading you in a new way that doesn't seem comfortable or make sense, but you know this is how He is leading. Success with Jesus is measured by obedience.
- Jesus then instructs them to take some out and serve it to the headwaiter. The servants obeyed and did what instructed. The headwaiter then calls the groom and comments how he has saved the fine wine until now, instead of serving the best first. (vs. 8-10)
 - o Obedience to Jesus allows Him to turn water into wine in your life. Share with the group a time when you followed Jesus in a difficult situation, and He made wine.

This story of Jesus first miracle in Cana reveals to us Jesus cares about all aspects of our lives. He invites each of us to bring our cares, difficulties, problems and leave them with Him – in faith – trusting He will do and work out what's best. (1 Peter 5:7, Ps. 55:22, Ps. 37:5, Ps. 6:19)

Reflecting on following Jesus: Spiritual muddle is only made plain by obedience. Immediately we obey, we discern. –Oswald Chambers