



# DIGGING DEEPER

John 2:1-11 (Water to Wine)

This week we began this series by exploring Jesus' first sign at the wedding in Cana. Before you begin, pause together and invite the Holy Spirit to guide your conversation, deepen your trust in Jesus, and make this story personal in your lives.

**OPTIONAL ICEBREAKER:** What's the most memorable wedding or celebration you've attended? What made it meaningful or joyful?

**READ THE PASSAGE TOGETHER:** John 2:1-11

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

1. What insights or details from the text stand out to you?
2. In the context of this story, *running out of wine* means social shame, loss of joy, and public embarrassment and failure. Where in your life does it feel like "the wine has run out"?
3. Look carefully at Mary's response to this situation and her approach of Jesus. What do you see? What can we learn?
4. The stone jars represent external cleansing rituals. Jesus doesn't just refill them, but transforms the contents. He brings true cleansing, not just outward religious appearance. How is Jesus offering deeper transformation rather than behavior management?
5. Only Mary and the servants knew where the wine came from. Jesus often works quietly without spectacle. Where might God be working quietly in your life right now? How can we grow in awareness of His unseen work?
6. Jesus rescues this couple from humiliation with his intervention. Through the cross, Jesus took our shame and gives us honor. What does it mean to you that the Christian life moves toward a wedding feast, celebration, joy, and new creation?

**APPLICATION:** Where do you need to trust Jesus today?

- Shame you're carrying
- Joy that feels gone
- An area of obedience
- A place that feels empty

**DISCUSS:** What is one step of "Do whatever He tells you" you can take?

**GROUP PRAYER TIME:** Share requests and pray for one another. Pray for our church as we journey through John's Gospel and enter a season of Lent.

## MORE WAYS TO ENGAGE

**Fair Oaks Church Sermon Podcast** (Apple Podcasts & Spotify) to listen to just the message. Check out **Cutting Room Floor** episodes that further unpack sermons and stories of transformation.

## UPCOMING EVENTS Learn more at [fairoaks.church/events](http://fairoaks.church/events)

- 2/15-2/22 **WINTER GUEST HOUSE** | Volunteers Needed to help us host unhoused neighbors through HART Organization | Sign up at [fairoaks.church/events](http://fairoaks.church/events)
- 2/18: **Ash Wednesday** | Self-guided prayer & ashes | 7-8:30a, 12-1:30p, 5-6:30p
- 2/20: **Young Adults Movie Night** | 7-10p | Fair Oaks Church
- 2/21: **Men's Breakfast** | 8-10a | Family Life Center | RSVP online
- 2/22: **Partnership Track** | 12-4p | Lunch Provided | RSVP by 2/19
- 2/22: **Re|Engage Marriage Preview Night** | 6pm | Childcare Available w/ RSVP

