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## MESSAGE TO CONVERSATION GUIDE

Where's The Party? | Week 1 | Not The Jesus You Expected

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1. Joel opened up this message by talking about firsts. We talked about our first cars, movie theater experience, and speeding tickets. Pick one of those and share yours.
2. After Joel's opening story about firsts, we talked about Jesus' first miracle (which is also His most controversial miracle). What do you know about the miracle where Jesus turned water into wine?
3. Read John 2:1-2. Sometimes our "picture" of Jesus isn't correct. Jesus was invited to a wedding party that was between 3 & 7 days long! With that in mind, discuss this quote from the message, *people who were nothing like Jesus, liked Jesus. And Jesus liked people who were nothing like Him.*
4. God is clearly not as 'boring' and 'buttoned up' as we make Him out to be. It was God's idea in the Old Testament to have 7 annual parties/festivals where the entire country shut down for a week to celebrate. Does that surprise you about God?
5. Read John 2:3. In the Bible, wine (not overconsumption) is tied to the word *joy*. With that in mind, Joel said, *when the wine ran out, the joy ran out*. What types of things can make the joy run out in our lives and what are some solutions to get it back?
6. Read John 2:5. We mentioned that what Jesus' mom said is likely the best life advice in the entire Bible. What did she say & how can you apply this? Have you ever had a positive experience from following this life advice?
7. Read John 2:6. 6 jars that could hold 20-30 gallons would yield somewhere between 605-908 bottles of wine. Joel took that and shared that *Jesus can give us more than we can imagine*. How has He given you more than you can imagine?
8. Read John 2:7. To do what Jesus instructed, they would have to do it from a well (spigots weren't around yet). How long do you think this process would take? What are some situations in which God doing a miracle in us can be a long process?
9. Read John 2:7-8. The servants filled the jars in private, but eventually, they had to go public with the miracle and bring the wine to the party. How is this similar to the act of baptism? Is there anything holding you back from being baptized on 9/17?
10. Read John 2:9-10. How does the story end? Discuss the final thought that we shared in this message, *Jesus always wants THE BEST for you.*