

# BREAKTHROUGH FAITH

## SMALL GROUP NOTES

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## SCRIPTURE

John 2: 1-10 / John 10: 27

## SCRIPTURE CONTEXT

The gospel of John was written to emphasise that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. It was written for believers to strengthen them in the faith and to help them continue on in the faith. Because of this emphasis and focus John's gospel has a different feel and focus to the other 3 gospels. He omits things that you find in the rest and includes things you don't find in the others. John wasn't looking to write a historical account of the life and ministry of Christ as Luke was or to emphasise the humanity of Christ as Mark was but to focus on the deity of Jesus and his relationship with God the Father and God the Spirit.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- There is no mention of Joseph in this passage, many commentators are led to believe he has most likely died by this point.
- The running out of wine was a big issue in those days not because everyone liked a drink but because wine was closely connected to the blessing of God.
- Jesus' response to Mary in verse 4 looks rude in our culture but actually to refer to her as 'woman' was an expression of polite distance.
- The jars that were filled with water were used to wash before eating as part of their worship to God and held up to 105 litres of water in each jar.

## QUESTION FOR STUDY AND DISCUSSION

1. How do you think you would have responded to Mary's words in verse 5 if you were one of the servants? What can we learn from her words for ourselves today?
2. Why do you think it's noted in verse 7 that the servants filled the jar to the brim and how does that encourage or challenge you for your own life?
3. Why do you think Jesus asked the servants to take the water to the master?
4. What areas is Jesus calling you to step out in?

## DIGGING DEEPER

Think about Jesus' teaching around what it means to follow Him. What does it mean to truly be all in for Jesus? Are there any areas of your life that you are holding onto and need to let go of?

## RESOURCES FOR FURTHER STUDY/DISCUSSION

- *Unlocking the Bible*, By David Pawson
- *Surprised by the Voice of God*, By Jack Deere

- Don't waste your life, By John Piper
- *Relational Mission a Way of life*, By Mike Betts