VGROUP STUDY GUIDE

"WATER INTO WINE" JOHN 2: 1-11 MARCH 17, 2024

FOCAL POINT: Can you think of a time when you've seen God move; when you've seen something happen that you knew beyond a shadow of doubt came from Jesus? Why do you desire to see God move?

TEXT:

On the third day a wedding took place in Cana of Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and 2 Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding as well. 3 When the wine ran out, Jesus' mother told Him, "They don't have any wine." 4 "What has this concern of yours to do with Me, woman?" Jesus asked. "My hour has not yet come." 5 "Do whatever He tells you," His mother told the servants. 6 Now six stone water jars had been set there for Jewish purification. Each contained 20 or 30 gallons. 7 "Fill the jars with water," Jesus told them. So they filled them to the brim. 8 Then He said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the chief servant." And they did. 9 When the chief servant tasted the water (after it had become wine), he did not know where it came from—though the servants who had drawn the water knew. He called the groom 10 and told him, "Everyone sets out the fine wine first, then, after people have drunk freely, the inferior. But you have kept the fine wine until now." 11 Jesus performed this first sign in Cana of Galilee. He displayed His glory, and His disciples believed in Him.

Let's look at what's involved in seeing a work of God:

Invite Jesus into your life (vv. 1-2)

- 1. What do you like about weddings? What was your favorite moment in your own wedding? In your marriage, can you share a time when you needed God to move? Why did the couple in our text need something from Jesus? What instigated Jesus doing something at their wedding?
- 2. Read Joshua 9: 3-18. What happened? What did Joshua NOT do? He didn't talk to God about the Gibeonites. Name a time when you invited Jesus into your decision making and it blessed you. Name another time when you did NOT invite Him into your decision making and it cost you.

Bring your needs to Jesus (v. 3)

- 1. When you get caught unprepared what's a natural thing to do? Think back to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. They got caught doing something stupid (being disobedient to God's commands). Do you remember their responses when God confronted them (*Read* Gen. 3: 12-13)?
- 2.Family had a lack of preparation. The same thing happens today. We're in a lot of trouble spiritually because we haven't grounded ourselves in what the Bible teaches. What's the cure for this? What was the cure at the wedding? Look at v. 3.
- 3. There was a problem. Who noticed it? Why was that important? Who did she tell when she noticed the problem? Why was that important?

Give Jesus what you have (vv. 5-11)

- 1. What did they provide to Jesus? How big were these water jars and what were they for?
- 2.Read v. 7. Share some insights you gain from this verse. How can you imitate this verse in your own life? Food for thought: I doubt the command Jesus gave made sense to them. Sometimes there are commands God gives to us that don't make sense to us. But respond to His commands anyway. Can you share a time when you received instructions from God's Word that you didn't know how you were going to pull off, but you did it anyway?
- 3. How much water did they put into the stone pots? How much are you investing, putting in to your walk with God? What are some obstacles that cause you not to go ALL IN with Jesus and His commands? How can you overcome that response in your life?