



NOTES FOR FURTHER STUDY

¹ On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. ³ When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” ⁴ And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.” ⁵ His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” ⁶ Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ And he said to them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.” So they took it. ⁹ When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.” ¹¹ This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him. – **John 2:1-11**

1. Jesus works miracles through SERVANTS.

⁵ His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” – **John 2:5**

2. Servants OBEY Jesus in ORDINARY tasks.

⁷ Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. – **John 2:7**

3. Servants take RISKS.

⁸ And he said to them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.” So they took it. – **John 2:8**

4. Servants see and PARTICIPATE in the miraculous.

⁹ When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom – **John 2:9**

5. When we serve others, people put faith in JESUS.

Unless otherwise noted, all Scriptures are from the English Standard Version (ESV).

REFLECTION

- What restaurant, hotel, or other place have you visited and received the best service? What made that service so good?
- How important is good service to your overall experience at a store, restaurant, or any other place? Why do you think service is so important?
- Do you think the phrase “it’s better to give than to receive” (**Acts 20:35**) applies to serving others or being served? Why?
- Have you ever seen something amazing or taken great joy in serving “behind the scenes?”

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- Read **1 Peter 4:8-11**.
 - What attitudes and actions does this passage call us to?
 - What are some of the gifts that God gives us to serve others?
 - What does it mean to be “good stewards of God’s varied grace?”
 - What is our ultimate purpose in serving others? How does serving others accomplish this purpose? (See also **Matthew 4:14-16**.)
- Read **John 15:8-14** and **1 John 4:19-20**.
 - What does it mean to “abide in God’s love” (**John 15:9-10**)? How can we do this?
 - How can we love one another (**John 15:12-13**)? How much of loving others do you think is intentions/feelings versus actions?
- Read **Colossians 3:22-24**.
 - What is the difference between working as a “people-pleaser” and working with “sincerity of heart” (**v. 22**)?
 - What should be our motivation for serving others? Do you think this motivation is enough? If so, why do we sometimes choose not to serve God in our daily lives?

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