



VINCENT CHURCH

SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE



EPISODE 5: "THE WEDDING GIFT" PT. 2

Set the Stage: Watch from 26:07 until end of episode

The episode continues with the central focus on the wedding at Cana. After we see Jesus and his disciples greeted by his mother, the wedding reception and celebration continues. However, the wedding runs out of wine, and Mary asks Jesus to intervene.

Jesus, after some initial resistance, fulfills her request knowing that he is now inaugurating the public part of his ministry. Thomas remains puzzled by what he saw. Meanwhile, Nicodemus doesn't get the answers he's looking for from John the Baptist.



Session 7 Discussion Questions:

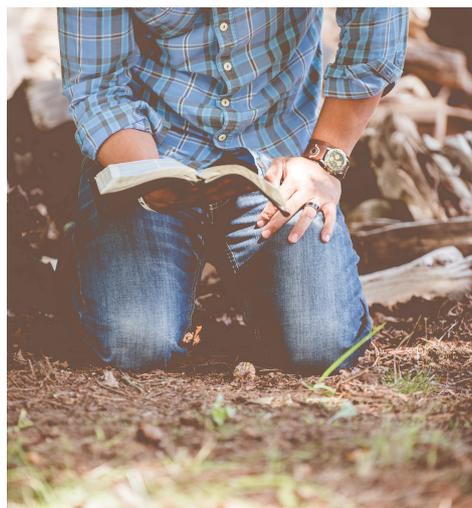
- Jesus reassures Thomas that “I do not correct you [for asking]; it is good to ask questions...”. We won’t always receive the answers we desire right away, nor at times understand the answers we’re given. How do you handle this when it comes to questions about Jesus & the Ways he has revealed? How do you feel when a teaching of Jesus is presented as “to be accepted on Faith,” especially teachings that are hard to understand within human logic?
- As Jesus was turning the water into wine, Thaddeus told Mary Magdalene: “Once you make that first cut into the stone, it can’t be undone. It sets into motion a series of choices ...and it will never be the same.” Jesus made a deliberate choice when he began his public ministry, and he knew where that choice would lead him and his followers. Do I recognize where following Jesus might lead me—and do I still want to follow him throughout this life and into the next? Are there moments when I feel it’s too hard?
- Reflect for a moment on Jesus' words in Luke 14:28-30: “Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.’”

Bible Exploration:

- John 2:1-12; 19:25
- Mark 3:18; 8:27-30; 15:40
- Matthew 10:3; 16:13-20
- Luke 6:15
- Acts 1:13; 7:30



Do whatever he tells you



Scripture Study: John 2:1-12 (ESV)

The Wedding at Cana

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. 12 After this he went down to Capernaum, with his mother and his brothers and his disciples, and they stayed there for a few days.

