



LIFE GROUP NOTES

Week Beginning: 1st October 2023



John 2:1-11 Water into Wine

Warm Up

What's the best party you have ever been to? Why was it so good?

What embarrassing moments have you witnessed or been part of at a party?

Background and context

Jesus has not yet begun His public ministry. He is a guest at a wedding with His mother and some of His disciples. Cana was a small town where everyone knew everybody else and knew their business. What an embarrassment it would be if the father of the bride, the host of the wedding had not provided enough wine. He would never live it down. He would be the talk of the town, and not in a good way. Jesus comes to the rescue and provides a picture of God's amazing generosity.

Thinking it through: Main discussion/activity



READ John 2:1-11 *What are the surprising things in the passage? What is new? What don't you really understand? This could be a time to discuss and share reflections and ideas on the passage or watch a Bible project type video that helps explain things.*

1. Why did Jesus' mother involve Jesus in this socially embarrassing situation?
2. Read v4-5. What does this reveal about Jesus? What does it reveal about His mother?
3. The miracle appeared simple for Jesus. How does it compare to what Jesus did on the cross? Why is this important?
4. Why is v10 significant in revealing the difference between the human and divine approaches to generosity, life and eternity?
5. In what way might this story be a picture of the character of God and the gospel itself?
6. Why do you think Jesus created so much wine, more than they could all drink?

Growing in discipleship: Practical application



7. There are many amazing "water into wine" conversion stories in Christian history. What is your favourite? What makes it so?
8. How has God shown you His amazing generosity?
9. How do you show gratitude for God's amazing generosity towards you?
10. Are there areas of your life that are still "water" rather than "wine"? Pray about it.

Try to leave 15-20 mins to talk about prayer needs of the group and to pray.



We want to encourage the development of prayer, to help everyone grow in confidence in praying. There are many creative ways of praying together: writing prayers, using candles as a focus, reading prayers or praying for each other in pairs.