

Worship Discussion and Reflection Questions

Sermon Series: Following Jesus in Real Life

Sermon: The Miracle of Celebration

Scripture: John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. ³When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. ⁹When 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 ¹⁰and 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." ¹¹This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

Reflection Questions:

1. Where in your life do you most feel like the "wine has run out," and how does this passage invite you to bring that lack to Jesus?
2. What does Jesus' transformation of purification water into abundant wine reveal about the kind of Savior He is?
3. Why do you think John chose this wedding miracle as the first "sign" revealing Jesus' glory?
4. How does the disciples' response of belief challenge the way you respond to God's provision and activity in your own life?
5. In what ways can Christian celebration become an act of faith and hope in the midst of a broken world?

Guided Prayer:

Thank God for His abundant provision for you. Reflect on the many things God has given you and take a moment to celebrate God. Be specific. Ask God to help you to develop a heart of celebration. Commit to celebrate in some way. Ask God to forgive you when you do not notice His activity in your life. Thank God for the provision He has already given you in Christ and through His grace. In Jesus' name, Amen.