

SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE



**PRINCE
OF PEACE**
Called to Connect



That Looks Like Heaven

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This new movement that invites us to come and see wants to make it known that it is a certain kind of movement. It is a celebration, much like a wedding ceremony where the union of two lovers, that we are being invited into. In what ways do we demonstrate that in our life together? Are there more ways that celebration takes shape? Is that what Jesus is pointing us to?

SCRIPTURE TEXT: JOHN 2:1-12

Read the scripture text together as a group.

BACKGROUND INFO

The Gospel of John is a window into what it looks like when God's space, heaven, breaks into our space. For centuries the people of Israel had been holding onto the hope that somehow, someday, God was going to remember God's promise to step into time and space to set the world right again.

Weddings in the ancient world were the expected places of anxiety that we understand them to be today—and more. Whereas today we enter into marriage primarily as individuals bearing the weight of individual hopes and dreams, weddings in the ancient world were nothing less than the joining of two families. Certainly the bride and groom, but also resources, family name, and futures were at stake.

You don't have to get married to feel the insecurity that comes with relationship. We experience it every day, every time we put ourselves out there to our friends, families, and community. As a church, we are joined to Christ, we're a people that trusts, that can trust because of what Jesus has done. We are heaven, embodied in a people because God's spirit dwells in us, where people today can come to find something they can believe in. Trust in. And truly see greater things.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Think of the last wedding you attended—what was the vibe in the room? How did it feel?
- Visualize the interaction between Jesus and his mother. At this point, he has yet to perform a miracle. Why do you think she was so insistent that he handle the wine shortage?
- How does this story relate to us today? What is Jesus teaching us here?
- In what ways does our relationship with Jesus reflect one of a bride and groom?

APPLICATION: This week, consider all that Jesus has done for you and how that leads us to further trust in His promises. Consider how you might deepen your trust in Jesus in your daily life—and see greater things!