

SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE



**PRINCE
OF PEACE**
Love God. Love People.



Will You Go to Homecoming with Me? | For All August 17 & 18, 2024

Jesus' first sign/miracle was to take scarcity and create abundance. Jesus is for all, and through Jesus there is enough for all. Our call is to live into the abundance of Jesus.

SCRIPTURE TEXT: JOHN 2:1-11

Read the scripture text together as a group.

BACKGROUND INFO

John's account of The Wedding at Cana comes right at the beginning of his gospel as if to set the stage – to tell us of Jesus' miraculous powers. "Look! Jesus can turn water into wine. Wow! We should pay attention." And yes, we should pay attention - not because of the water turning into wine, but for a much deeper and more significant reason. Here is where we need to understand a bit more about the gospel of John. John is not writing a chronological history. John is writing so others would come to faith. John even says that he is picking and choosing what he is including in his gospel. So why this story... and why this early?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- If you were going to write a non-chronological story of your life, what would you start with? Why? If you were going to write a non-chronological gospel account of Jesus' life, what would you start with? Why?
- Share about a time you planned a party and had to wrestle with some of the following "will there be enough" questions: Will there be enough room? Will there be enough food? Will there be enough money? Will there be enough emotional capacity to deal with all of this?
- Reread John 2:11. **Here are a couple glory revelations we see in this week's scripture reading. The first is that Jesus can be bothered – even asked to enter into history and make a difference. Even if something doesn't seem like it would be on Jesus' list of things to do – our call is to believe and ask. The second is that Jesus extends hospitality and abundance for all. Even when you think there is not enough... there is enough.**
 - What other glory revelations do you see in the story of the wedding at Cana?
 - What are you struggling with that you would never think Jesus would care about?
 - Share about a time that you believed and asked.
 - As a follower of Jesus, can you be bothered? Share about a time that you set aside your agenda to extend hospitality or share from your abundance.
 - Have you ever experienced a miracle of abundance?

CHALLENGE: John recorded important stories from Jesus' ministry "so others would come to faith." This week, live into the abundance of Jesus by extending an invitation to someone to join you in worship this Fall. Remember: Jesus is for all, and through Jesus there is enough for all.