

Community Group Discussion Guide
Week 4 - Source of Joy
John 2:1-11

May 12, 2013

Read John 2:1-11 and then answer the following questions.

Questions for Study

Introduction

The Gospel of John provides the most comprehensive and penetrating answer to the central question of history... Who is Jesus Christ?

The answer to this question, as I see it, isn't a flat, one dimensional answer. There are many dimensions to who Jesus is. It's in understanding each one that we understand who he is, and what this means for us.

1. Reflect back on your own wedding or a friend or family member's wedding. What would you say made the wedding ceremony and reception most memorable for you?
2. Was there anything unexpected that happened that created a bit of humor at either the ceremony or reception? Was there anything unexpected that happened that took away some of the joy?
3. Reflect back on your life. Can you think of anything you've accomplished or any 'thing' you wanted and got – that you hoped would bring you joy – but it didn't deliver? What's your first memory of this happening? What's your most recent experience with this happening?
4. There's a Jewish rabbinic saying about wine and joy: "Where there is no wine, there is no joy." Why might someone quote this saying at this wedding John writes about in this week's scripture?
5. What might your reaction be to what Jesus said to his mother when she told him about the wine running out at this wedding?
6. Why do you think Jesus said this? It sounds a bit rude, doesn't it?
7. What does Mary do that only a mom can do?
8. After what he said to his mother, why do you think Jesus turned the water into wine?
9. Read the passage again and look for any details that make this miracle especially remarkable?
10. What might you do if you were one of the servants who filled the jars with water and then took a sample of the wine Jesus made to the master of the banquet?
11. What does this passage teach us about where to seek joy?