

## Small Group Discussion Guide

### "That Seems Random" - John 2:1-11 The Miracle at Cana

#### Opening Prayer

Begin by thanking God for His faithfulness and asking the Holy Spirit to guide your discussion and reveal His glory through His Word.

#### Icebreaker

Share about a time when something that seemed random or insignificant turned out to be significant in your life. How did you see God's hand in it later?

#### Scripture Reading

Have someone read John 2:1-11 aloud.

#### Discussion Questions

##### 1. The Context: A Wedding

Why do you think Jesus chose a wedding for His first public miracle?

How does the wedding setting connect to God's relationship with His people throughout Scripture?

What does it tell us about Jesus that He cared about something as "trivial" as running out of wine at a party?

##### 2. Emptiness as a Prerequisite

"They have no more wine" (v. 3)

The sermon emphasized that God specializes in using empty people. What does this mean to you?

What are some areas in your life where you feel empty or inadequate?

How does knowing that emptiness is a prerequisite for God's work change your perspective on your limitations?

##### 3. "Do Whatever He Tells You"

Mary's instruction to the servants (v. 5)

Mary gave simple but profound advice: "Do whatever he tells you." Why is this so challenging to actually live out?

What is Jesus currently telling you to do that you've been hesitant to obey?

Share about a time when you obeyed God in something that seemed small or didn't make sense. What happened?

##### 4. Fill the Jars

"Fill the jars with water" (v. 7)

The servants were told to fill jars with water when they needed wine. What "fill the jar" moment might God be asking of you right now?

Why do you think Jesus involved the servants in the miracle instead of just doing it Himself?

Who gets to witness God's miracles most often, according to the sermon? How does serving position us to see God work?

#### 5. Walking Before It Turns to Wine

The servants had to walk with water before it became wine

What does it mean to have faith to "walk before it turns to wine"?

Share about a situation where you're currently "carrying water" but haven't seen it turn to wine yet.

How can we encourage each other to keep walking in faith when we don't see the breakthrough yet?

#### 6. The Better Bridegroom

"You have saved the best till now" (v. 10)

The bridegroom was responsible for the wine but Jesus covered his failure. How does Jesus act as our "better bridegroom"?

In what ways has Jesus covered you in your mistakes and sins?

What does "the best is yet to come" mean for your life right now?

#### 7. Revealing His Glory

"He revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him" (v. 11)

The purpose of the miracle was to reveal Jesus' glory. How have you seen Jesus reveal His glory in "random" moments of your life?

What keeps us from recognizing God's glory in everyday, mundane situations?

#### Application

Choose one or two to discuss:

Identify your emptiness: What area of lack or inadequacy will you bring to Jesus this week?

Obey in the small things: What is one specific thing Jesus is telling you to do that you will commit to this week?

Serve to see miracles: How can you position yourself as a servant this week to witness God's miraculous work?

Keep walking: What situation requires you to keep walking in faith even though you haven't seen the "wine" yet?

Closing Prayer

Pray for those who feel empty, asking God to fill them with His Holy Spirit

Pray for faith to obey in the "fill the jar" moments

Pray for perseverance to keep walking before seeing the breakthrough

Thank Jesus for being the better bridegroom who covers us

Ask God to reveal His glory in the random moments of your lives