



The Gospel of John is a unique and powerful account of the life, teachings, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Written by John, one of Jesus' closest disciples, this gospel presents a deep and thoughtful perspective on the person and work of Jesus. Unlike the other three gospels, which are known as the Synoptic Gospels and focus on Jesus' actions and teachings, John's gospel emphasizes the spiritual and theological significance of Jesus' life and ministry. This Sunday Pastor Neal taught a first-person narrative from the viewpoint of the father of the bride at the wedding in Cana. Use these questions to discuss how we can apply this passage to our lives.

1. John mentioned that it was the third day when Jesus performed the miracle at the wedding in Cana. Considering what we've learn about John's literary style, do you think he mentioned this detail to remind us of Jesus' resurrection on the third day?
2. In an attempt to spare the hosting family shame, Jesus' mother, Mary, confided in him that the wine had run out. Share about a time when Jesus took away your shame or saved your name in the community.
3. **Read John 2:5-8.** The servants readily obeyed all that Jesus asked them to do. **Read Luke 17:10.** Jesus taught us that we should live with the attitude of serving others. Do you struggle with obeying God, or does that come easily to you?
4. The master of the banquet remarked that the best wine was saved for last. What does this say about the nature of Jesus' miracles and his ministry as a whole? What do you think Jesus has planned for your future that is better than your present situation?
5. In the Old Testament, wine and joy are synonymous. See **Psalm 4:7, Isaiah 16:10, and Ecclesiastes 9:7.** (We are not suggesting that you drink wine to be filled with joy.) Where have you seen Jesus fill your emptiness with joy?
6. In **John 2:11** we read that this was a sign, not a miracle. Most people think of this as a miracle, not a sign. Take some time as a group to discuss the difference between the two words. What makes this a sign and not a miracle?
7. Neal preached this sermon in the style of a first-person narrative. Do you think/feel like you were able to connect better to this form of preaching? What was helpful to you in your walk with Jesus to learn in this way?
8. Close your time in prayer. Pray for an outpouring of God's joy in your lives.