



## Discussion Questions: John 2:1-12

### HOUSE GROUPS

The wedding at Cana reveals that when human resources are exhausted, Jesus provides what we cannot provide for ourselves. The Law could reveal our uncleanness but could not cleanse us from sin; religious rituals could point toward our need but could not satisfy it. Jesus came to fulfill what the Old Covenant anticipated and to provide the cleansing, joy, and salvation found only in Him.

1. Have you ever experienced a situation where your plans fell apart because you suddenly realized you did not have enough time, resources, ability, or control? What did that experience reveal to you?

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#### **Jesus' Timing (John 2:1-5)**

2. The wedding celebration faced a serious problem when the wine ran out. Why do unexpected crises often reveal our insufficiency more clearly than ordinary circumstances?

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3. Mary brought the problem to Jesus, but Jesus responded, My hour has not yet come. What does this teach us about the difference between bringing our needs to Jesus and attempting to determine how and when He should respond?

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4. The sermon makes the observation, Mary sees a wedding problem. Jesus sees Calvary. How does knowing that Jesus was moving according to the Father's larger redemptive plan change the way we should view our immediate circumstances?

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5. Mary tells the servants, Whatever He says to you, do it. What makes simple obedience to Christ difficult, especially when we do not understand what He is doing?

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### **Jesus' Cleansing and Provision (John 2:6–9)**

6. Why does John specifically tell us that the six stone water pots were used for Jewish purification? What did these jars represent under the Old Covenant?

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7. The sermon compares the Law to a mirror that can reveal dirt but cannot remove it. How does this illustration help explain both the purpose and limitations of the Law?

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8. Jesus did not discard the purification jars; He used them as part of the miracle. What might this communicate about the relationship between the Old Covenant and the saving work of Christ?

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9. The servants filled the water pots up to the brim before Jesus performed the miracle. What does their obedience teach us about faithfully responding to Christ even when we cannot see or understand the outcome?

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### **Jesus' Superior Provision (John 2:9–10)**

10. Compare Moses' first public sign of turning water into blood with Jesus' first sign of turning water into wine. What do the contrasting themes of judgment and joy teach us about the Law given through Moses and the grace and truth that came through Jesus Christ?

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11. The master of the feast declared, You have kept the good wine until now. How does the superior wine illustrate the truth that Jesus fulfills and surpasses what came before Him?

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12. The sermon states, The Law came first. Christ came later. The shadow came first. The substance came later. The old covenant came first. The new covenant came later. How does the miracle at Cana illustrate these truths?

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### **Jesus' Glory Revealed (John 2:11–12)**

13. John tells us that through this sign Jesus manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him. Why is this statement essential for correctly understanding the primary purpose of the miracle?

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14. What is the difference between merely wanting Jesus to solve our immediate problems and genuinely seeing His glory and believing more deeply in Him?

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15. The central message of the passage is that Jesus provides the cleansing, joy, and salvation that religious rituals and human effort can never provide. Where are you most tempted to depend upon your own resources, religious performance, or ability rather than recognizing your insufficiency and trusting in the sufficiency of Christ?

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**CLOSING PRAYER FOCUS:** Ask the Lord to help the group recognize areas of personal insufficiency, trust His perfect timing, obey His Word even when the outcome is unclear, and rest in the complete sufficiency of Christ.