

king's chapel

Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of November 1, 2015

This Week's Focus: Jesus is the perfect Bridegroom who purchased and purified his Bride, the church, with his all-sufficient sacrifice.

This Week's Text: John 2:1-11

"He [Jesus] is the all-providing Bridegroom, he never, never, never fails to give us what we need. The life-giving wine of his death in our place never runs out. He is the perfect, all-providing husband to his church." **John Piper**

Related Texts: Isaiah 25:6; 1 John 1:9; Revelation 19:6-7, 21:2

Observations and Questions for Discussion:

- What are your general impressions about this week's sermon?
- What was the glitch or problem at the wedding feast that Mary pointed out to Jesus? Why was running out of wine a real concern for a bridegroom in Jewish culture? What does wine symbolize in the Bible? Reference Psalm 104:14-15 and Isaiah 5:11.
- Why did Jesus refer to Mary as "woman" in his response? Why did Jesus intentionally distance himself from his familial relationship with Mary? How are Jesus' words both an encouragement and warning for us?
- Discuss how Mary showed trust, confidence, and faith in her Savior.
- In his abrupt yet respectful rebuke, Jesus stated, "My hour has not yet come." What "hour" or event was Jesus referring to? Reference John 12:23-24. What's significant about Jesus linking his crucifixion, glory, and a wedding feast? Reference Isaiah 25:6 and Revelation 19:6-7, 21:2.
- Why do you think Jesus deliberately chose to use Jewish purification jars to perform his miracle? What were these jars typically used for? Reference Mark 7:3-4. Discuss how Jesus' miracle showed the insufficiency of self-cleansing in the work of salvation.

- What's significant about the fact that Jesus instructs the servants to fill the jars "to the brim"? Are you reminded daily of the good news of Jesus' sufficient and abundant grace?
- What was the ultimate purpose and result of Jesus' miracle at the wedding at Cana? Reference verse 11. What is the glory of God? Where did Jesus reveal his glory to the entire world? Does the magnificent glory of God propel you to share the Gospel to the world around you?