

John 2:1-12 (NIV)

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, 2 and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. 3 When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

4 "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

5 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

6 Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

7 Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

8 Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

They did so, 9 and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside 10 and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

11 What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

12 After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother and brothers and his disciples. There they stayed for a few days.

COME & SEE (5 Sessions in John): Leader's Notes

Read & Discuss:

- Read the passage out loud.
- Give a few minutes of quiet for each person to read the story again on their own and note things that are interesting or confusing.
- Ask open ended questions that keep the conversation focused on the passage.
 - In your own words, how would you describe each of the characters?
 - How does Jesus interact with the people in this story?
 - What do you find surprising or troubling?
 - What does the story communicate about God?
- Let the scripture speak for itself and don't worry about coming to agreement or answering all your friends' questions.

Testify & Invite:

- Share a story of how Jesus has been real to you. To prepare, ask the Holy Spirit to show you what part of your story your friend needs to hear. Consider:
 - What character in the passage do you identify with? Why?
 - How has Jesus touched your life and brought healing?
 - How has Jesus answered your questions or resolved your doubts?
 - Do you relate to my story or to one of the characters in the passage?
- Ask them to pick a need, struggle, or situation in their life that they can invite Jesus to interact with, e.g. What's an area of life where you have "run out of wine"?
- What do you think Jesus might want you to do?

Pray & Watch:

- I realize it might be new to you to talk to Jesus directly, but let's ask him to interact with your life as he did in the Scripture story. Give your friend the option to pray out loud or silently.
- Finish by praying out loud in a natural way for the areas shared.
- Trust God to get involved in your friend's life. Remember God's role and our role in evangelism:
 - We testify and make invitations.
 - Jesus reveals himself as the one who knows them and offers his living water.
 - In a few days, ask them how Jesus responded to your prayers.
- As you see God speaking to your friend, take a risk to invite them to become a follower of Jesus, e.g. It looks like Jesus is pursuing you. Would you like to say yes to following him?