

Sermon Discussion Guide



Signs: The Master of the Feast


John 2:1-11

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February is
befriend
month! Who
are you
befriending?

Step 1: Reflect on the Text

Why do we do this first? We always want to start with the Bible. The goal is to meditate on the Word and read it with an ear sensitive to the Holy Spirit's promptings. Look for words or phrases that stand out through logic, repetition, layout, etc.

-  Read the sermon scripture(s) listed above. What stood out to you? What do you find interesting and/or important? What is challenging or causes you to have questions?

Step 2: Reflect on the Sermon

INTRODUCTION

- 1 Obviously Ray wasn't advocating drunkenness, but do you like wine? Do you enjoy drinking wine with friends? If alcohol is a stumbling block for you, did that hinder your reception of the sermon?
- 2 What was your one main/big takeaway from the sermon? How would you summarize the main theme of the sermon in one phrase or sentence?

JESUS CAME TO RESCUE THE GROOM

- 3 Why was it a big deal for the groom that they ran out of wine at the wedding in Cana?
- 4 Jesus came to take away our guilt and our shame. What are some examples of things that make us feel shame?

- 5 What kind of Christianity is produced when you think that you have to pay God back for the death of His Son?
- 6 The gospel frees us to admit our inadequacy. How would you complete the following sentence? “I am not adequate _____.”

JESUS CAME TO RESTORE THE PARTY

- 7 Read Amos 9:13. Is this your vision of Christianity? Why do you think some people equate living the Christian life with living a boring life? Is there an absence of joy in your Christianity?
- 8 Discuss the following quote: “Jesus sat in the midst of present joy sipping the wine of future sorrow, so that we might sit in the midst of present sorrow sipping the wine of future joy.”

JESUS CAME TO REDEEM THE BRIDE

- 9 What does the language of husband and wife communicate about the kind of relationship God wants with us?
- 10 There is a difference between reading a wine label versus actually tasting it. What is the difference between believing in God’s love versus actually experiencing it? How do you know if you have truly experienced the love of God?

Step 3: Final Reflections

- ✠ How has your understanding, appreciation, and love for Jesus and the gospel grown as a result of this study?
- ♥ In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to act as a result of this study?