

# SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of February 14-20, 2021

## “CANA: A QUIET MIRACLE”

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### GETTING STARTED

*To the facilitator: Use this section to introduce the topic. If possible, give a brief recap of the sermon.*

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

Share a recent embarrassing experience which turned out funny.

### GROUP DISCUSSION

Read John 2:1-12.

1. So Jesus performed his first miracle at a wedding in Cana. What happened at this wedding? Enumerate some of the details and highlights that caught your attention.
2. In this exchange between Mary and Jesus, does Jesus deal harshly with his mother? What should we understand about the term “woman”? Where else do we see this term? (Read John 19:23-27). Did Jesus mean to brush off his mother when he said, “Why do you involve me?”
3. What does Jesus mean when he says, “My time has not yet come?” Read John 7:30; 8:20; 12:23 & 27; 13:1; 17:1. What was Jesus’ main purpose in coming to our world? Is his purpose to perform miracles to help out this newlywed couple? Why do you think Jesus performed the miracle in Cana?
4. What is something you lack right now? Time? Health? Funds? How does this lack affect your daily life, your relationship with others, and your faith? Have you brought this need to Christ? Why or why not? If you have brought this to Christ in prayer, what has been the response? If you haven’t, what is preventing you from doing so?
5. Jesus eventually met the need of the wedding guests that night. What was your initial response to the miracle? How do you look at this story after the study? What aspect of the miracle had caught your attention?

6. Read Ephesians 3:20-21. Have you ever given more than was asked by a loved one? Why did you give in abundance? What prompted you to exceed the request? Why do you think we have this stereotype of God as a stingy God? What should be the right perspective?

7. (Optional). Can you picture Jesus as joyful and having a good time in this wedding feast? Why or why not?

### 8. [NEXT STEPS]

*Our Lord is a joyful God who takes pleasure in answering our prayers and in being with us everyday.*

- I will be confident to ask God, no matter how small.
- In my asking, I will yield and believe he will always do what is right.
- I will be sensitive to see the hand of God even in the ordinary.
- I will give praise to God for the joy he has given me.

*Don’t forget to:*

- Go through the devotionals everyday this week.
- Have a regular daily time of prayer and reading of God’s Word.
- Commit 30 minutes a day for God’s intervention in this fight against the COVID virus.

### CLOSING THE SESSION.

Close the session by taking the time to pray for one another. Consider the following as you pray:

- Ask God to help you this week to see his workings in your life everyday.
- Take the time to pray for our nation, for peace and for the gospel to prosper during this time of the pandemic.
- Pray for those who are hurting, going through fear, worry and anxiety in the group.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends and loved ones.