



SERMON

SMALL GROUPS



USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

- This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together. After considering the needs of your group, you may choose one of the following options:
 - ◆ one section of questions
 - ◆ one or two questions from each section
- Feel free to adapt the format to meet the needs of your group. If your group is mature and wants to dig deeper, add Scripture and ask suitable questions. Remember that this is only a guide.
- Personal application is key to everyone's growth and should be included in every discussion. When asked how he or she intends to apply a certain principle a group member may say, "I need to spend more time in the Bible and in prayer." It is important for you to help group members make applications that are more specific and commit to a specific plan of action by asking, for example, "How are you going to begin?" An example is to get up 30 minutes earlier each morning, spending 15 minutes reading the Bible and 10 minutes in prayer. Encourage each group member to be accountable to the group for personal progress at the next meeting.
- As the leader your goal is to help bring the group into a stimulating discussion that helps the members recognize their need for personal life change. Ultimately you want them to be willing to commit to change with accountability to the group. Accountability helps us to persevere in our commitments and achieve the blessings of success.



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INTRODUCTION

In one moment, Jesus takes something common and he makes it uncommon. He makes it valuable! His first miracle, changing water into wine, was a sign of the transformation He came to earth to bring: redeeming and giving value. Even today, Jesus takes those the world sees as common, and He makes them valuable! You can try to look like, act like, and live like "water." But at the end of the day, the reality is that you have been changed into "wine." In light of this revelation, are you living a life of value?

Key Scripture:

[John 2:1-11] (NIV)

¹ 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



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[John2:1-11 Continued] (NIV)

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.

The first time something happens in life, it is significant and it sets a precedence for your life!

Landmarks in life:

- The first Boy/Girl friend one dates.
- The first time you drove without a parent in the car.
- First job

Law of first mention: When something is mentioned for the first time in the bible, pay attention because it is significant!

Turning water into wine may seem pretty insignificant if we think about the miracles Jesus performed within his lifetime.

- Raised dead people
- Turned a kids lunch pail into enough food to feed 15,000 people.
- He came back to life after he was dead.



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Jar = Common ceremonial jars meant for cleaning hands & feet and found in every house in Israel!

6= Man... Specifically, FALLEN MAN, SINFUL MAN, MAN APART FROM GOD!

Jesus takes these 6 common jars, full of water and turns them into wine > something of Value, something UNCOMMON!

The bible mentions, the disciples were present at this wedding. They were witnessing everything that was going on. (refer back: John 2)

A few days after this ceremony Jesus puts out an invitation to Peter:

- “Follow me and I will make you fishers of men”

[Matthew 4:18-20]

Peter was a common Professional fisherman but Jesus took this common man and placed value on him, making him UNCOMMON!

- Jesus yells out to Peter, “ Cast out your nets.”
- The boat was filled... Peter jumped out to meet Jesus!



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The Invitation: “Come Follow me and I will make you fisher’s of men”

- This invitation was not just for Peter but for our lives as well.
- The invitation was given but we have to choose to believe!
- Jesus did not walk on water to meet Peter, it was an action/choice/decision that Peter made.

If you see yourself as common, you will act common; if you see yourself as uncommon you will begin to act uncommon!

It is impossible to turn wine back into water, but many of us try to add water to our wine because our perception is that we are common... God views us as uncommon –WINE!

The Voice of the enemy brings guilt and shame of sin... The Father sees you as valuable!

- People who are “wine” and live as “water,” are living cheap lives! (AKA>IDENDITY CRISIS)



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****The Invitation****

The invitation was given to us when Christ died on the cross for our sins. No matter the circumstance we are in or what we have done, God has invited us as sons and daughters of the Most High to live uncommon lives. The choice is ours!



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Small Group Questions

1. What are some common or everyday things that you have seen people in your life place great value in? (Leaders: consider how children even see small things as sacred) How did their words and actions express value?
2. What are some firsts in your life that became the basis for comparison later? What are some standards in your life that your parents first instilled in you as a child?
3. How have you seen God use something simple, in your life, as something profoundly impactful in someone else's life? What were the immediate and gradual outcomes? What are examples of how others did that for you?
4. What are some things that have happened over time that have caused us to devalue what God first showed us when we first came into relationship with Christ?
5. If tomorrow you lived a life of even more value, what would that look like compared to today? What are some common behaviors that you would immediately want to change (whether a new believer or a veteran)? (Leader: consider the difference the day of decision/



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salvation made from one day to the next)