



Encounters with Jesus – The Wedding at Cana

Date: Sunday 16th January

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Key Verses: John 2:1-12

Talk Summary:

- When reading any Bible passage, it's helpful to ask the questions:
 1. What does this passage reveal about Jesus?
 2. What implications does this passage have for me?
 3. How is God using this passage to invite me to respond?
- Jesus turning water into wine meant He saved the host family from humiliation - but He was also demonstrating the generosity, abundance and celebration of His Kingdom (Isaiah 25:6). What miracle do you need in your life right now? Ask Him for it.
- Jesus used others in His miracle, to build their faith and help them know Him. We can have this experience as well, if we follow the example of the servants! The servants were:
 - Available: They were waiting and ready to follow Jesus' instruction.
 - Attentive: They listened to Jesus' exact instructions so that they could follow them fully.
 - Active: They actually did what He told them to do, even though they didn't understand and could've looked really silly.
- Let's resolve, as a community of faith, to 'do whatever He tells you', and together we can see miracles, and God moving, as we are obedient to His instructions!

Worship

Worship is not just singing, it is thanking God for who he is and what he has done and is lived out through a life of trusting obedience. Discussing this together is an act of worship.

(Small group worship resources can be found at bvc.so/sgworship)

- What are you thankful for this week?
- Where has God been at work in your life?
- When have you taken risks in faith and obedience this week?

If you have a time of singing you can skip the above questions but please do ask this question each week:

- What has God been speaking to you about this week? *(Go around the group quickly don't spend a long time on it)*

Discussion Questions (choose some which are most relevant to your group)

- How available are you to do whatever He tells you? You might like to share a story of how you've made yourself available.
- How could we listen to Jesus while on the bus, at the school gate, talking with a colleague or friends, or even at a party? What might God's voice sound like in these places?
- Can you think of a time when you heard Jesus prompting you to do something?
- What are the main things that stop you from following through on something you have felt God prompting you to do?

Witness - How would you share what you have learned with a non-church friend?

We want to be investing in authentic relationships with those who don't know Jesus yet and inviting them to anything where they might meet other Christians and Jesus. Pick one of the below each week:

- How would you share what you have learned with a non-church friend?
- What church events coming up would your friends appreciate an invitation to?
 - Upcoming Events (go to bvc.so/whats-on for details)
 - Encounter Night, 29th January
 - Loving Your Marriage, Starts 31st January