Sermon Questions John 2:1-11

This week, we learned more about the Lord Jesus Christ's identity as we looked at his first recorded miracle. We learned that Jesus not only came to bring us eternal life, but he also provides us abundant life here on earth. We learned that his first miracle of turning water into wine not only helped authenticate that he was the promised Messiah, but it was also a foreshadowing of how he alone would provide cleansing of sin for whoever would repent and call on his name to be saved.

Please review the sermon notes below...

The Savior Is Here John 2:1-11

Jesus is the Master of the Feast who brings joy.

3 Common "Joy-Stoppers":

- Feelings based on Circumstances
- Worry & Anxiety
- Bitterness & Unforgiveness

Jesus is the Messiah who provides his <u>cleansing blood</u>.

Jesus is the Miracle Worker who supernaturally changes circumstances.

What we learn from Mary:

- Go to Jesus first.
- Believe Jesus has the power.
- Do whatever Jesus tells you to do.
- Leave the results up to God.

Hearing the Word of God and responding to Him is extremely important. If you haven't had the chance to listen to the message from this week, you can <u>watch it here</u>. After watching, please use the following questions (if you find them helpful) in your BRAVE groups (now online every weekday) or discuss them with your family and/or friends. If you are not in a BRAVE Group, now is a great time to get involved. Please go to our <u>online Small Group platform</u> to connect with a group that will work for you.

Questions

- 1. Because joy is a Fruit of the Spirit and the Holy Spirit always dwells in us, what does that tell us about joy?
- 2. The scriptures tell us that Jesus came to bring us eternal life AND the abundant life. How would you briefly describe these two incredible gifts from God? How can we have each of these?
- 3. In this weekend's teaching, we talked about "3 Common Joy-Stoppers" in our lives. Can you relate to these in your own life, and how do you battle against them from stealing your joy in Christ?
- 4. Jesus used wine as a teachable moment in his first recorded miracle. Read Ephesians 5:18 and share some of the characteristics of what it looks like in a Christian's life who is regularly filled with the Holy Spirit.
- 5. In the Last Supper with his disciples, before he goes to the cross to pay for our sin debt in full, Jesus uses wine to illustrate that his blood is the only cleansing agent for sin in the entire universe. Share in your own words how the Gospel of Jesus Christ is **exclusive** and, at the same time, **inclusive**. (see John 14:6 and Romans 10:13 if you need some hints).
- 6. In an age where pluralism and tolerance have become the growing norm...why is it loving to humbly and graciously share both the exclusivity and inclusivity of the Gospel with unbelievers and those caught in false religions?
- 7. What can we learn from Mary about asking Jesus for miracles?
- 8. In his Word, God promises us that He is weaving everything in our lives together for **good**. This means that if Jesus says "no" to our request for a miracle, it ultimately will be for our good. Read Romans 8:28 to see God's promise for good in the life of every believer and then read Romans 8:29 to discover God's main purpose for the believer. How have you seen hard circumstances, and maybe even tragedies help shape you more and more into the likeness of Jesus during your life?

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