

Cana
July 28, 2024
John 2:1-12

OPENING PRAYER:

Celebration, joy, hope! These are the gifts you give to us, Jesus. You turn our mourning into dancing, you take our ashes and transform them into beauty. Thank you, Jesus. Help us to come to you, not only when we are sorrowful, but also when we are celebrating. You desire to rejoice with us; for you are the reason we can celebrate. For the sunshine, the rain, the mountains, the seas; for our children, our friends, our homes and the air we breathe -- these are only the beginnings of things we have to be so grateful for. Thank you, Jesus!

BREAKING THE ICE:

- What is your best memory of a wedding? Weirdest or unique?
- Can you remember a time when you mom really embarrassed you?

WRESTLING WITH THE WORD:

Read John 2:1-12.

- What surprises you from this passage?
- With whom do you identify more, Mary or Jesus? What is it about them that you identify?
- What do you make of the interaction between Mary and Jesus? What do you think motives each of them?
- What do you think is the underlying reason for Mary pushing Jesus to perform the miracle? What do you believe is the meaning for Jesus providing the best wine after the cheap wine had been served?
- How do you think Jesus felt about his mom during this interaction? How does this story relate to your every day life?

NEXT STEPS:

- In what area of your life do you need a miracle?
- Jesus took the old and made it new and even better. Where in your life do you really need that to happen?
- Who in your life really needs this word? How will you reach out to them?
- Jesus celebrates a wedding. Where do you need to celebrate in your life?

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:

O God of abundant mercy and love, you always provide us with more than we ever imagined. Responding to the need brought to his attention by Mary, your Son Jesus turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana. Those overflowing jars are a symbol of your prodigal love for us. Thank you Lord Jesus. Amen.