

WEEK 1: WATER INTO WINE

John 2:1-11

1. JESUS CAME TO BRING US JOY
2. JESUS CAME TO MAKE US CLEAN
3. JESUS CAME TO EXCEED OUR HOPE

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What part of this week's teaching stood out to you the most? Why?
2. The first idea this week was that "Jesus Came to Bring Us Joy". What do you think leads to the common perception that God wants people to be miserable? Why is Christianity so often seen as "dry" or "boring"? How would you respond to these misconceptions?
3. The lie that derailed mankind all the way back in Genesis 3 is that we can only find real joy, happiness and freedom OUTSIDE of God's will instead of inside it. Have you noticed this idea presenting itself in your life? How do you deal with it?
4. Jesus Came to Make Us Clean. How is this idea different from what "religion" teaches?
5. Jesus is an expert at exceeding our hopes. For example, the groom at the wedding would have been happy with any wine, but Jesus made the best wine in a huge quantity. The disciples would have been happy with freedom from Rome but Jesus gave us freedom from sin and death. Do you have any examples from your life of a way that Jesus has exceeded your hopes?
6. Prior to this miracle, the disciples knew a lot of things about Jesus and had even physically spent time with Him but in John 2:11 we see that after this miracle they believed in Him. What's the difference between knowing about Jesus and knowing Jesus?
7. This new series called "SIGNS" is a great opportunity to invite your friends to come hear about who Jesus is. Who could you invite to church this week? Do you have any concerns around inviting your friends to church? (Consider spending some time praying for one another and for the people we will be inviting to come find out about Jesus.)