



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN

MEN'S TRAINING CAMP / 2021-22

Jesus' First Miracle...An Irreversible Journey ...John 2:1-12

Jesus said to them, 'Fill the waterpots with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. And He said to them, 'Draw some out now, and take it to the master of the feast.' ... John 2:7-8 (NKJV)

"The Lord wants us to 'do whatever He tells' us. He often doesn't describe the path that He's taking us on. He doesn't explain how He intends to deal with our problems. He simply calls us to obey His revealed Word. Only after we've obeyed will we have the opportunity to experience Him at a deeper level... Jesus is the new wine, and some of His best work comes in the midst of our emptiness." ~Dr. Tony Evans

1. Setting the Scene...Wedding dilemma!

Scripture: John 2:1-4

- Psalm 104:15... "And wine that makes glad the heart of man,"

2. The Lord's Character

Scripture: John 2:4-8, Matthew 6:25-27

- Philippians 4:6-7... "Be anxious for nothing...let your requests be made known to God" ...(big or small)
- Jehova-jireth - The LORD Shall Provide (Genesis 22:14)
- Johova Rophe - The LORD our Healer (Exodus 15:26)

3. Obedience to the Lord...

Scripture: John 2:5-8

4. Purification Water-Pots, and the Irreversible Journey...

Scripture: John 2:6

- Luke 22:20... "This cup is the New Covenant in My blood, which is shed for you"
- Hebrews 12:2... "Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross"
- Romans 6:1-11 and Ephesians 2:1-10

5. "You have kept the good wine until now"...

Scripture: John 2:9-12

- Not just *Surviving* (more old wine), but *Thriving* (new and better wine)...
 - Luke 5:37-38... "But new wine must be put into new wineskins, and both are preserved."
 - Proverbs 3:9-10... "And your vats will overflow with new wine."
 - John 2:11-12... "This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana...and His disciples believed in Him."

Group Discussion

1. What stood out to you in tonight's message and scripture passages? *Be descriptive...*

2. Reflecting on your life, are you anxious about anything? Is your prayer life bringing these petitions (both big and small) to the Lord? Remember Matthew 6:25-34 and Philippians 4:6-7.
 - ◆ If yes, how have you seen God's hand in the situation?

 - ◆ If not, what steps can you take to start?

3. Jesus knew once He turned the water into wine, He began an irreversible journey that would lead to the cross, but bring about new life for us. **READ** Romans 6:1-11 and Ephesians 2:1-10.
 - ◆ So what are you going to do about it? Are you truly living like you have a *New Life*?

4. What did you hear or learn from tonight's discussion that spoke to you personally? How will you directly and specifically apply it in your life today?

Prayer

Take a few moments to share any Prayer Requests with the men in your Group. Write down any requests and commit to pray for one another throughout the week.

(It's great to know that other guys are praying for the important things in your life...and it's great to be praying for the important things in their lives!)

How do the **5 Principles for the Christian Man**, help equip you to apply this to your life?

Discuss your answer with your group...

- Prayer (*Relationship*)
- God's Word (*Knowledge and Understanding*)
- Worship (*Adoration*)
- Fellowship (*Encouragement and Accountability*)
- Service (*Caring for Others, Action to your Belief*)