



CONNECTING WITH THE SCRIPTURE

- Jesus sets up the servants to reveal to the chief steward that there was better wine. Why didn't Jesus reveal who he was to others at the wedding?
- What was the message to the servants and disciples that Jesus conveyed in how he revealed himself?
- Why do you think that Jesus was initially reluctant to perform the miracle at the wedding in Cana?
- Recall a time when you were hesitant to offer service but decided to do it anyway. Discuss what happened and how the experience impacted you.

CONNECTING LOCALLY

"The community provides the potential for nurturing human beings into the fullness of their humanity. We believe we have a responsibility to innovate, sponsor, and evaluate new forms of community that will encourage development of the fullest potential in individuals."

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2 ON THE THIRD DAY THERE WAS A WEDDING IN CANA OF GALILEE, AND THE MOTHER OF JESUS WAS THERE. 2 JESUS AND HIS DISCIPLES HAD ALSO BEEN INVITED TO THE WEDDING. 3 WHEN THE WINE GAVE OUT, THE MOTHER OF JESUS SAID TO HIM, "THEY HAVE NO WINE." 4 AND JESUS SAID TO HER, "WOMAN, WHAT CONCERN IS THAT TO YOU AND TO ME? MY HOUR HAS NOT YET COME." 5 HIS MOTHER SAID TO THE SERVANTS, "DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU." 6 NOW STANDING THERE WERE SIX STONE WATER JARS FOR THE JEWISH RITES OF PURIFICATION, EACH HOLDING TWENTY OR THIRTY GALLONS. 7 JESUS SAID TO THEM, "FILL THE JARS WITH WATER." AND THEY FILLED THEM UP TO THE BRIM. 8 HE SAID TO THEM, "NOW DRAW SOME OUT, AND TAKE IT TO THE CHIEF STEWARD." SO THEY TOOK IT. 9 WHEN THE STEWARD TASTED THE WATER THAT HAD BECOME WINE, AND DID NOT KNOW WHERE IT CAME FROM (THOUGH THE SERVANTS WHO HAD DRAWN THE WATER KNEW), THE STEWARD CALLED THE BRIDEGROOM 10 AND SAID TO HIM, "EVERYONE SERVES THE GOOD WINE FIRST, AND THEN THE INFERIOR WINE AFTER THE GUESTS HAVE BECOME DRUNK. BUT YOU HAVE KEPT THE GOOD WINE UNTIL NOW." 11 JESUS DID THIS, THE FIRST OF HIS SIGNS, IN CANA OF GALILEE, AND REVEALED HIS GLORY; AND HIS DISCIPLES BELIEVED IN HIM.

JOHN 2: 1-11



HUMAN RELATIONS DAY

IT IS TIME: DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Who are people in your local community who are often ignored or overlooked?
- Is there an existing network that your church can connect with to build relationships with those who are often marginalized?
- Discuss some steps your local church can take to reveal God's love through your actions to people in the community.

ADDRESSING UNJUST SYSTEMS

"We affirm all persons as equally valuable in the sight of God. We therefore work toward societies in which each person's value is recognized, maintained, and strengthened."

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- What are some of the underlying causes of inequality in the world?
- Is there a specific area of concern that you feel moved to address?
- What are some existing resources that you can access?
- Who else in your church is also passionate about building justice in this area?

