



Sermon Discussion Guide

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Hook - Getting to know one another

- *How is everyone doing this week? Add other questions to get to know one another, especially ones related to the topic in the sermon.*
- What was the best party or celebration you've ever been to?
- When you think of a party or celebration, what does that look like? Who is there, where are you at, what are you doing?

Book - Scripture

- *Read the scripture passages and discuss to understand **what the text is saying:***
Read John 2:1-11
 - *How does Jesus respond to the predicament outlined in verse four?*
 - *How does Jesus conduct himself while he is performing the miracle?*
 - *What is the master of the banquet's reaction to the new wine?*
 - *What does the gospel writer John say is the manner in which Jesus reveals his glory?*

Look - Connections to our world today

- *This section focuses on implications about **what this text means** about what's wrong in the world, about trusting God, about who God is, etc.*
 - *How does this story of Jesus using his divine power to transform an ordinary wedding feast make you feel about Jesus?*
 - *When you think about the person of Jesus, who do you expect him to be? How has he surprised you in your time following him?*

In his sermon, Tim talked about two "ditches" we can fall into when approaching life. "Life denying" and "life worshipping." One can adopt an



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attitude of denying life, pleasure, and good things, or see life as a lavish indulgence of its pleasures before it is too late.

- *Which perspective do you notice yourself falling into in your daily life?*
- *How does a Jesus followers' perspective on life change in light of eternity and the full coming of God's kingdom?*

Took - Personal Application

- *This application focuses on **how God is calling us to respond**. This could be personally, as a family, small group, or church. It could be something to believe, to meditate on, to say or do this week.*
- If one of those more extreme attitudes toward life (denying or worshipping) resonated more with you, how do you think Jesus might be asking to renew your perspective?
- How do you need God to transform your life right now?
- How can we as a small group continue to reveal God's glory through enjoying and receiving the gift of life?

Time of Prayer