**Miracles 1 – Water to Wine – Leader’s Notes**

**HOOK**

**1. Do you find it easy or difficult to believe in miracles? Do miracles happen today?**

**2. Do miracles prove God’s existence?**

**BOOK Read John 2:1-11**

**On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus’ mother was there, 2and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. 3When the wine was gone, Jesus’ mother said to him, “They have no more wine.” 4“Dear Woman,why do you involve me?” Jesus replied. “My hour has not yet come.” 5His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” 6Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. 7Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water”; so they filled them to the brim. 8Then he told them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.” They did so, 9and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He didn’t realize where it had come from, though the servants who’d drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside 10and said, “Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you’ve saved the best till now.” 11What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.**

**3. Why might turning water into wine at Cana be questioned as the right miracle to start Jesus’ ministry?**

**4. How does the context of a wedding fit into salvation history?** (Since the Bible’s great story of redemption begins with a wedding (Gen. 2:22-24) and ends with a wedding (Rev.19:6-9), it makes sense that Christ commences his public ministry at a wedding.)

**5. If the 6 water pots represent the inadequacy of the Jewish law, then what would Mary’s comment - “They have no wine” - mean?** (Religion without relationship is joyless and full of shame. Without Jesus, life is essentially incomplete.)

**6. What command does Mary give the servants?**  (“Do what Jesus tells you to do.”) **How might that be good advice for any believer to grow in our faith as disciples of Jesus?** (We don’t tell Jesus what to do. Miracles start with us obeying what we know Jesus has told us to do.)

**7. Jesus told the servants to fill up the water jars. Has Jesus ever asked you to do something that you didn’t understand why he would ask that?**

**8. What was the first miracle of Moses?** (changing water into blood – punishment for the Egyptians). **How does Jesus’ miracle of turning water in wine compare and contrast with Moses?** (Jesus’ first miracle helps to save face for a poor family; Jesus’ first miracle is a blessing, not a punishment.)

**9. In John 2:11, it says that something was revealed through this sign miracle. What does the sign point to?** (Jesus – his superabundant grace and His transforming power. Jesus is enough to change your whole community. 500 liters of wine was more than enough for the whole wedding party and the guests. Jesus’ supplies are inexhaustible. The world’s joy always runs out, but the joy Jesus gives is limitless. We can never exhaust his grace. Don’t just marvel at the miracle; marvel at the One who does it.)

**TOOK**

**10. How has Jesus transformed your life lately?**

**11. Are there areas of your life that you’ve invited Jesus into, but others areas where Jesus isn’t invited?** (Invite Jesus into every room of your life. God wants to show up for us, but we’ve got to invite Him in.Whenever Jesus comes into a person’ life, there’s a new quality of celebration instead of shame; grace instead of law; joy instead of sombreness.)

**12. What has Jesus told you to do recently that you’ve either done or still have yet to do?**

**Pray for one another!**