



GROWTH GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS Spring Quarter - Lesson 4 - Week of May 4, 2025

Lesson: A SPECIAL WEDDING GUEST

Bible Verses: John 2:1-11; Joshua 1:9; Proverbs 3:5-6; Psalm 37:3-6; Matthew 6:25;
Romans 8:28; Philippians 4:6

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. What is the last surprising thing you learned about yourself?
2. What makes you feel vulnerable?

DISCUSSION

"His mother said to the servants, 'Whatever he says to you, do it.'" - John 2:5 (NKJV)

Reflection: The fact that Jesus showed up for a wedding in Cana, where He performed His first miracle, makes it an especially important event. Think of the most memorable wedding you have attended. What made it stand out to you?

Situation: Weddings in Jesus' day were extended community events that often lasted a week or more. Hospitality ruled the day, and families were under significant social pressure to provide lavishly for their guests. So, when the wine ran out at the wedding feast Jesus was attending, it created a significant crisis for the bride and groom's family. It was considered a dishonor to run out of wine. Mary tried to help by enlisting her son's assistance in finding a solution. Read John 2:1-11 (NJKV).

Jesus will attend our crisis events. He can solve our day-to-day situations (job loss, broken relationships, declining health, etc.). We must maintain a relationship with Him so that He continues to visit our lives.

1. Does it seem unusual to you that Jesus would attend a wedding? Why or why not?
2. Why do you think Jesus chose to attend this wedding?
3. What did Jesus mean when He said to his mother, "My hour has not yet come," in verse four?
4. How did Mary respond to Jesus' reluctance? Why do you think Jesus chose to perform this miracle for the guests?
5. Why do you think John adds the detail that the head of the banquet said to the bridegroom, "You have saved the best (wine) till now," in verse 10?
6. According to verse 11, for whose benefit did Jesus do this miracle?

Life Lessons: God wants to participate in the highs and lows of our daily lives! Before we give meaningful attention to how Jesus desires to transform our lives, we must deepen our understanding of His thorough knowledge of our experiences. God knows us intimately, even those things no one else knows. We can bring our emptiness to Him.

Mary, the mother of Jesus, knew Him intimately. John 2:3: *"And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, 'They have no wine.'"* Mary was not bossy or critical in her statement. She did not whine about the wine. She stated the problem. What issue do you face today that you need Jesus to solve? We should follow Mary's example and state our problem to Jesus.

John 2:4-5: *"Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Whatever He says to you, do it.'"* Initially, Jesus had no intention of saving the wedding banquet. This was not the manner or place He had planned to reveal His power. But then Mary entered the story, someone He loved, expressing a genuine need. When we have genuine issues or problems, Jesus will show up because He cares about us and our daily issues. A problem was presented, and the crisis was avoided—all because Mary entrusted the problem to Jesus.

Reaction:

1. How did Mary demonstrate her complete trust in Jesus?
2. What can we learn from Mary's example regarding bringing our problems to God?
3. What prevents people from seeing God's abundant provision?
4. What are some ways that Jesus has abundantly met your needs in the past?
5. How does remembering God's provision in the past encourage you to trust Him with your present needs?

Inspiration: Life is a gift. It comes in pieces, and sometimes it falls to pieces. The struggle is too great for us to bear alone. Now and then, the pieces of life do not fit (sickness, sudden death of loved ones, broken relationships). When the pieces do not fit, take your problem to Jesus. Our belief often increases as we witness Jesus providing solutions to our problems. Jesus still does miracles! We cannot perform miracles, but Jesus can.

Devotion: Lord Jesus, teach us to appreciate the simple pleasures in life and enjoy other people's company. When we have needs, remind us to always bring them to you first.

Journaling: What problems must you leave with Jesus and trust Him for the genuine answer?