

Transition:

Jesus attends a wedding where He performs His first miracle: turning water into wine. This symbolizes a transformation of human rituals into spiritual renewal. Few people are even aware that a miracle has occurred. This is his first sign of divine authority, his fulfillment of the Old Testament & the abundant life he offers. Spiritual Renewal is on its way in the Kingdom of God.

Tell the story:

Tell the story (with passion!) the best as you can, don't stop and teach, try not to make points, just tell the story. Perhaps leave some parts out or make a mistake, just to see if your group catches it!

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Rebuild the story:

Chronologically rebuild the story by asking questions. Have the group look for what was added or left out by looking in their Bibles and going back over the story. Then have someone else tell the story the best they can – just like you modeled the first time.

Discussion Questions:

1. What does the wedding feast, the water/wine, the 6 stone jars represent?
2. How has Jesus brought you spiritual renewal? Do you have any questions about what that means?
3. Some people have said that the “wine” that Jesus made was non-alcoholic. Do you agree or disagree with this? Why?
4. What does the bible say about alcohol? How do you see it? Does this align with scripture?

Fundamental:

Instead of rituals, we are purified by the miraculous blood of Christ. John specifically uses the Greek word *sēmeion*, or "sign," for these miracles, since they are meant to prove that Jesus is God. This is the first of seven such signs in the gospel of John.

Homework/Challenge:

1. The Jewish leaders, particularly scribes and religious leaders, question Jesus' authority to act in such a manner, have you ever?
2. Is there anything in your life, that you are holding onto where you need to experience a “miracle” from Jesus? Talk to your Small Group Leader about it.
3. Make a list of areas in your life where you have experienced spiritual renewal, share with your small group, spouse or a friend. Thank God for it.

Discipleship Tip:

The Bible encourages believers to seek Jesus' guidance and timing, trust in his provision, and follow his commands.

Prayer:

Father, thank you for our new spiritual renewal because of Jesus!