ELEVATION CHURCH BILLINGS

“Water to Wine” John 2:1-12

Read John 2:1-12

1. Jesus performs his first miracle at a wedding in Cana. What happened at this wedding that gave Jesus the opportunity to perform a miracle?

Was this miracle performed in public or was it a private miracle? Who does the text say believed because of this miracle? Read 2:11.

Who else in the story must have known about the miracle?

Was this an important miracle?

1. Why was running out of wine at the wedding reception in the first century such a big issue? What potential problems could this produce in the life of the newlyweds and their families?

Why was Jesus invited to this wedding? Why did Mary bring the issue of running out of wine to Jesus’ attention?

In this exchange between Mary and Jesus, does Jesus deal harshly with his mother? What should we understand about the term “woman”? Where else does Jesus use this term to address his mother? Read John 19:23- 27.

When Jesus says to Mary, “What does this have to do with [you and] me?” what is the intent of his question? Does Jesus mean to brush off his mother and the need that she has brought to his attention?

How does Mary’s statement to the servants in verse 5 help us understand Jesus’ intent to help in this situation?

1. What does Jesus mean when he says, “My hour has not yet come”? Read John 7:30; 8:20; 12:23 & 27; 13:1; 17:1. When Jesus uses the term “hour,” what is he referring to?

What is Jesus’ main purpose in coming into our world and living as a man? Is his purpose to perform miracles and help out young newlywed couples?

How should our main purpose as Christians be shaped by Jesus’ main purpose to redeem mankind? How can this story help us understand our role in helping people in need?

1. How much water did the servants draw from the well at Jesus’ command?

Was this just enough or more than enough to make wine for the wedding reception? What does this say about the quantity of wine that Jesus produced?

What was the master of the feast’s reaction to the water that was turned to wine? What does this say about the quality of the wine?

When Jesus does miracles, does he just barely meet the minimum, or does he provide abundantly? Read John 6:1-14; Luke 5:1-7; John 11:38-44.

What can we conclude about the way Jesus heals, forgives, provides, and blesses today? How have you experienced Jesus’ abundance?

1. In Testament law (the ceremonial pots used for religious washing) and the grace

of Jesus (the new wine that Jesus provided)?

How do the ceremonial pots represent Old Testament law and repeated need for washing?

What does wine represent in the New Testament? Read Luke 22:20.

1. What does this first miracle of Jesus signify about what he will ultimately do on the cross for all mankind?

1. How has Jesus taken the old ritualistic pots of your life and changed them into new wine and given you life abundantly?