



JOHN CHAPTER 2 (FACILITATOR)

Discussion Starter

- What is one of the most amazing things you have ever seen?
- Who is one of the most inspiring people that you know? What makes them so inspiring?
- **Opening Prayer**
 - Ask if someone wants to volunteer before leading the prayer.

Tell the Story

- **PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE ONE PERSON WHO STORIES (SUMMARIZES THE CHAPTER) BEFORE THE GROUP READS THE CHAPTER TOGETHER.**

Read the Story (John 2:1-25)

Read out loud as a group, 3-5 verses per person. Let everyone know they can opt out if they would like. **PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU INTRODUCE SOME OF THE HISTORICAL CONTEXT OF THE BOOK OF JUDGES AND THE JUDGES CYCLE WITH YOUR GROUP.**

Breaking it Down

- All questions should be utilized as appropriate based upon group dynamics to facilitate both understanding and discussion. Don't feel tied to the questions and don't feel like you must get through every question. Follow the Spirit's lead! All questions are a matter of perspective in some way BUT there are specific questions that this is truer of, and these questions have been indicated to be perspective/opinion questions.

John 2:1-12

- What is significant about Jesus' presence at a wedding?
 - Jesus was completely engaged with the world around Him. He was a lover of humanity. He lived life with this incredible vitality that was contagious to those around Him. Jesus is a model of what it means and looks like to engage with the world around Him and point people to the Father.

- How would you say that you are engaging with the world around you in ways that point people to the Father? What do you think it means and looks like to live life with the vitality of Jesus?
 - These are perspective and opinion questions so please listen as the facilitator.
- Why is it important to understand the significance of running out of wine at a wedding in Biblical times?
 - Running out of wine was no small issue. It was a social disgrace. It was a dishonor to the host and reflected extreme deficiencies in hospitality. So, Jesus was being approached with a major problem from a societal standpoint.
 - Does thinking about Jesus as the Creator of the universe change your perspective of him in any way? If so, how?
 - These are perspective and opinion questions so please listen as the facilitator.
- What is going on with Jesus' response to His mother in verse 4?
 - In our English rendering, it seems as if Jesus is being incredibly disrespectful to His mom, but this was not at all the case. The language He uses is in fact a title of respect. However, the language that He uses does indicate a shift in relationship between Himself and His mom thus indicating His mission. He didn't come to earth to be the Son of Mary. He came to earth to fulfill the will of His Father, to die on the cross for the forgiveness of the sins of humanity and to be raised from the dead. His mission was so much bigger than changing water to wine.
- Notice that Jesus began with what was there and that the servants followed Jesus' lead. What is significant about both of these principles for us today?
 - Jesus' maximizes what we "bring to the table." In fact, it's not about what we "bring to the table," but about His sufficiency and adequacy to fill in absolutely every gap and provide abundantly in every single situation. We aren't called to transform and provide abundantly. Rather, we are called to

follow His lead, constantly moving ourselves out of the way so that He can do the transforming.

- Why was Jesus so angry/disappointed with what was taking place in the temple and what relevance does this have for you and me today?
 - Jesus wasn't upset and angry because of the money in the temple. This was a common practice, especially when there were thousands of individuals coming from various regions for the Passover. These individuals were required by the Law to bring animal sacrifices as a part of their worship, and many could not afford to bring these animals with them. Thus, they purchased what they needed in the temple. However, what ended up happening was that the merchants selling these animals saw opportunities for profit more than souls coming to worship. They began charging exorbitant amounts. The merchants were getting in the way of people encountering, seeing, and worshipping God.
 - In what ways today can we as disciples of Jesus get in the way of people encountering, seeing, and worshipping God? How can we be a part of helping people to encounter, see, and worship God?
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- What is the significance of how Jesus is characterized in verses 24 & 25?
 - Jesus knew and knows all of humanity including all the good, bad, and ugly of what is within us and He still chooses to love us and be in the trenches with us. Jesus also knew and knows exactly who He is. He didn't live a life seeking the approval of any human being. Rather, He lived life pursuing the heart and will of His Father and seeking to be in full submission to Him.
 - How do you embrace the love that Jesus has for you rather than run away from it?
 - How do you seek to move away from seeking the approval and praise of those around you and move closer to living in who God has made you to be?
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Final Application

- What does this passage teach us about God?
- What does this passage teach us about mankind?
- What is a command to obey in this passage?
- What has God revealed in your life that needs changing?
- What truth can be applied to your life about the gospel?

Closing & Prayer Requests

- Have a designated person to capture and share (as appropriate) within the life group.
- What happens in life group, stays in life group.
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JOHN CHAPTER 2 (STUDENT)

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- **Opening Prayer**

John 2:1-12

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you think it means and looks like to live life with the vitality of Jesus?

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