



LIFE GROUP NOTES

Week Beginning: 26th February 20203



The wedding, the wine, the wonder and the guest.
Eddie Lyle: Open Doors

Warm Up

How would you describe yourself? Take a moment to think and then be prepared to share your thoughts. This can be very challenging as we often don't like to celebrate our qualities, but we focus on the negative. Try to focus on the positive. How have you changed over the years?

Background and context

Ancient weddings in Israel were community affairs where everyone was invited. They often lasted several days. The host was expected to provide a feast. Food or drink running out would be a disaster and bring shame on the family.

Thinking it through: Main discussion/activity

Read: John 2:1-11. What stands out in the passage? What is a challenge? What do you find interesting?

1. We live in a selfie culture, where we want people to see our best side all the time. How would Jesus' disciples have described His character? What do you think He was like to be with?
2. What makes this miracle (or sign as John calls them) in John 2 so significant?
3. The Christian faith is about transformation; ordinary people (water) being transformed into disciples of Jesus (wine). What examples do you know of that stand out in Christian history? Share them with the group.
4. In the Gospels, how does Jesus transform lives? How does this reveal Jesus' glory?
5. Read: Isaiah 46:4, John 12:12, Psalm 92:12-14. How might these verses encourage us in our journey with Jesus?

Growing in discipleship: Practical application

6. How has Jesus transformed you? If you are able, share your testimony.
7. Where are you on the journey of transformation?
8. How can we "amplify" Jesus in our lives? Why can this be hard to do?
9. How has Jesus amazed you recently?



Try to leave 15-20 mins to talk about prayer needs of the group and to pray.

We want to encourage the development of prayer, to help everyone grow in confidence in praying. There are many creative ways of praying together: writing prayers, using candles as a focus, reading prayers or praying for each other in pairs.