



LifeGroup Discussion Questions

Invitation to Joy | November 14, 2021

Summary

Only Jesus can restore joy to the world.

Scripture

The next day there was a wedding celebration in the village of Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the celebration. The wine supply ran out during the festivities, so Jesus' mother told him, "They have no more wine."

"Dear woman, that's not our problem," Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come."

But his mother told the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Standing nearby were six stone water jars, used for Jewish ceremonial washing. Each could hold twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told the servants, "Fill the jars with water." When the jars had been filled, he said, "Now dip some out, and take it to the master of ceremonies." So the servants followed his instructions.

When the master of ceremonies tasted the water that was now wine, not knowing where it had come from (though, of course, the servants knew), he called the bridegroom over. "A host always serves the best wine first," he said. "Then, when everyone has had a lot to drink, he brings out the less expensive wine. But you have kept the best until now!"

This miraculous sign at Cana in Galilee was the first time Jesus revealed his glory. And his disciples believed in him. -John 2:1-11 (NLT)

You cause the grass to grow for the livestock and plants for man to cultivate, that he may bring forth food from the earth and wine to gladden the heart of man, oil to make his face shine and bread to strengthen man's heart. -Psalm 104:14-15 (ESV)

Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce. Then he will fill your barns with grain, and your vats will overflow with good wine. -Proverbs 3:9-10 (NLT)

But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin. -1 John 1:7 (NLT)

Then I heard again what sounded like the shout of a vast crowd or the roar of mighty ocean waves or the crash of loud thunder: "Praise the LORD! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns. Let us be glad and rejoice, and let us give honor to him. For the time has come for the wedding feast of the Lamb, and his bride has prepared herself. She has been given the finest of pure white linen to wear." For the fine linen represents the good deeds of God's holy people. And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb." And he added, "These are true words that come from God." -Revelation 19:6-9 (NLT)

Let's Start

Have you, like Pastor Dale, witnessed something surprising or unusual happen at a wedding?

Gratitude and Prayer

How did God work in your life since the last time we were together? What is He doing through you as it relates to your Adopt 7?

Let's Talk

1. What do you find noteworthy about Jesus' first miracle?
2. Where do people commonly look for joy?
3. Is there a difference between happiness and joy? How can someone have joy even through challenging times?
4. What steps can you take to increase the joy in your life? How can we find joy when we don't feel joyful?
5. How can we trust God to turn our trials into joyful blessings?
6. What do you think keeps people from looking to Jesus for their joy?
7. What did Pastor Dale mean by the following statements?

Drink up and get intoxicated with the joy of God's love!

Drink up and get intoxicated with the joy of your salvation, which is His grace, mercy and forgiveness!

Drink up and get intoxicated with the joy of your eternal hope!

