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## **Beginning of Signs: Water into Wine**

### **I. Jesus and marriage**

- A. Jesus was invited to a wedding.
- B. Jesus attended the wedding.
- C. His presence carried His approval of the institution of marriage.

### **II. Jesus and His mother**

- A. Along with Jesus at the wedding, were His disciples and His mother.
- B. Jesus responds to Mary as “woman.”
- C. Why was Mary so eager to have Jesus respond?

### **III. Jesus and Water Pots**

- A. Water in these pots were for the Jewish practice of ritual washing, for purification.
- B. Wine in the Ancient world had purification qualities.
- C. Jesus turned the water from the pots, into wine.

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THIS IS OFFICIALLY THE 5TH WEEK OF THE 2019 WINTER/SPRING SESSION
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GETTING TO KNOW YOU

\* Just for fun: What was the funniest thing you saw at a wedding or wedding reception? OR What do you recall from your wedding?

\* What were some of the highlights for you from this week’s service (worship, sermon, etc.)?

DIGGING DEEPER – Have the group read John 2:1-12

1\* Verses 1-3 At this point Jesus hasn’t really begun His public ministry. So, what do you think were some reasons that caused Mary to approach her son Jesus when the wine ran out at the wedding?

2\* Verse 4 – Are you a little surprised by Jesus’s response to His mother when she approaches Him? Why or why not? (Other reference of Jesus speaking to women: Matthew 15:28; Luke 13:12; John 4:21; John 8:10; John 19:26; John 20:13 & 15)

3\* - In verse 5 we read the last recorded words of Mary (Jesus’s mother) in Scripture. What does her statement demonstrate to us today?

4\* Verses 6 & 7 – Looking at these verses what symbolic connections do you see between the water pots Jesus used and believers today?

5\* Verse 10 – When the master of the feast received the new wine he said “Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine... then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!” In what ways have you seen God deliver above and beyond what the world promises?

6\* Verse 11 –The word “signs” is used in John as many times as the three Synoptic Gospels combined. What other signs did John tell about in his gospel? (word search in www.biblegateway.com) What signs do you see God showing the world today of His glory?

TAKING IT HOME - (Not necessarily intended for group discussion)

Jesus gave the simple instruction to the servants at the wedding “fill the water pots with water”. They obeyed and filled the water pots up to the “brim”. Below jot down areas you know you give God wholeheartedly, and areas where you know you hold back.

Fully God’s
Take time to praise God for them

Holding Back
Take time to pray about these things

PRAYER REQUESTS (be sure to save 15-30 minutes for prayer)

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