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They Have No More Wine *Dave Cover | John 2:1-11* Sermon Discussion Participant's Guide

Purpose of Discussion: To let joy be our motive for following Jesus.

Icebreaker: What are you looking forward to about this summer?

Discussion:

Read:

[John 20:30-31](#)

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

1. What do we learn about John's account of Jesus' life from these verses?

Read:

[John 2:1-5](#)

¹ On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, ² and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

⁴ "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

2. Why was having no wine a problem?
3. Dave said in his sermon that we have never been freer to pursue our happiness and yet statistics say fewer and fewer are finding it today. Are there ways you see this to be true?

Read:

[John 2:6-11](#)

⁶ Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

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⁷ Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water”; so they filled them to the brim. ⁸ Then he told them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.”

They did so, ⁹ and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside ¹⁰ and said, “Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.”

¹¹ What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

4. What does Jesus’ sign show us that he has ultimately come to do?

Read:

[Isaiah 25:6-9](#)

⁶ On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare
a feast of rich food for all peoples,
a banquet of aged wine—
the best of meats and the finest of wines.

⁷ On this mountain he will destroy
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,
the sheet that covers all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death forever.

The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears
from all faces;

he will remove his people’s disgrace
from all the earth.

The Lord has spoken.

⁹ In that day they will say,

“Surely this is our God;
we trusted in him, and he saved us.

This is the Lord, we trusted in him;
let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”

[Isaiah 55:1-2](#)

“Come, all you who are thirsty,
come to the waters;

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and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without cost.

² Why spend money on what is not bread,
and your labor on what does not satisfy?

Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,
and you will delight in the richest of fare.

5. How do these Old Testament passages reinforce what we see in Jesus' sign?
6. Why might we need to hear that Jesus came to bring us joy?
7. What is an area of following Jesus that we might need to be reminded that Jesus has our joy in mind?

Sharing and Prayer:

Have an open time of short prayers of thanksgiving for all the good things God has given us and close with a prayer asking for God to give us strength to follow him.