

COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

Spring 2025 - Signs - "The Glory of His Joy"

Monday, Mar. 3 - Sunday, Mar. 9 (Week 5)

In this sermon, Pastor McKinney focuses on the first sign performed by Jesus at the wedding in Cana, where he turns water into wine. Over the next seven weeks leading to Easter, we will embark on a journey that examines the seven signs found in the Gospel of John. These signs are not just miracles, but are meant to reveal deeper truths about the glory and majesty of Jesus. Seeing Jesus for who He is leads to a natural, impulsive response of faith, love, and worship. This sermon highlights that each sign points to a greater reality, specifically the future marriage feast between Christ and His Church, therefore showing the profound significance of Jesus's actions. Pastor McKinney dives deep into the details of the sign, explaining how it took place at a wedding (a representation of God's design for marriage) and how the jars used for purification symbolize the limitations of ceremonial cleanliness as they were incomplete without Christ. Jesus's provision of wine, exceeding the groom's best offerings, embodies the abundant joy and spiritual satisfaction found in Him. Ultimately, the joy of knowing and loving Jesus surpasses all worldly satisfactions, as He willingly suffered on the cross to secure our invitation to eternal joy in His presence.

QUESTION #1: What does the term "sign" mean in the context of Jesus' miracles, and how does it differ from simply calling them miracles?

QUESTION #2: Why do you think Jesus chose a wedding to perform his first sign? What does this setting reveal about His character and mission?

QUESTION #3: Discuss the significance of Jesus turning water into wine, especially in the context of Jewish purification rituals. What does this transformation symbolize about Jesus' mission? In what areas of your life do you need Jesus to transform the ordinary into something extraordinary?

QUESTION #4: The sermon mentions that in God's presence there is fullness of joy (Psalm 16:11). How do you currently experience joy in your relationship with Jesus?

QUESTION #5: How does obedience to Jesus lead to a deeper experience of His presence and joy? Identify one area of your life where you feel called to greater obedience.

