

Signs: Shame to Honor

John 2:1-12

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Tips and Tricks:

The sermon notes are designed to be used as a guide for discussion. Don't feel like you have to use every question. Some questions will take a while to work through and others will be over in a few seconds.

1. Don't teach the lesson. The sermon was just preached. Just ask the questions and let everyone else talk.
2. Let other people ask questions. It's OK to go "off topic" for a while. Sometimes those conversations are more interesting anyway!
3. Have fun. Don't forget to laugh and crack up. Relationships, not curriculum, are the heartbeat of our ministry. Remember: We have to build a relational bridge strong enough to hold the truth!

Agenda for Group Time

1. Ice Breaker - Lighthearted ice breaker question (10 minutes)
2. Discussion - Bible study, sharing and application. (25 Minutes)
3. Prayer - Pray together (5 minutes)
4. Planning - Remember to talk about what's coming up.

IceBreaker

What's one Bible verse that has really encouraged or challenged you lately, and why?

Talk it over!

Read John 2:1-12

Have each person in the group summarize the story in 3 sentences.

The Problem of Shame

1. Everyone has an embarrassment.

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." (John 2:1-3 ESV)

Question: How was the groom in this story going to be shamed?

Question: Why do you think people try to hide what their shame?

What are some ways you have tried to hide?

- Working hard
- Having much
- Raising good kids
- Being right all the time
- Other: _____

The Hope of Honor

2. Jesus is the one in control.

And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it.

(John 2:4-8 ESV)

Question: What commands does Jesus give in this passage? How did the various people respond?

Question: What mundane things are you not letting Jesus have control in your life right now?

- How I spend my time
- My finances
- The media I consume
- My relational world
- Other: _____

3. Jesus satisfies our need.

When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now."

(John 2:9-10 ESV)

Question: When the bridegroom says that the "good wine has kept until now", what do you think this means in light of Jesus' mission?

Share of how Jesus has satisfied your needs.

4. Jesus requires a response.

This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

(John 2:11 ESV)

Question: How would you describe your response to Jesus right now?

- I'm ignoring Him
- I'm learning to trust
- I've learned He's my only hope in life
- I'm seeking Him daily
- Other: _____

How can you grow in your faith in Christ?

Work It Out!

One thing I'll do differently because of this sermon:
