

DISCUSSION GUIDE

When You Run Out of Wine
The Gospel of John — Week 7

ICEBREAKER: Why are people who win the lottery often unhappier than they were before their win?

OVERVIEW: All of us experience storms. And sometimes when it rains, it pours. Maybe you're experiencing a storm right now: Marriage problems; parenting struggles; financial woes; chronic illness; the death of a loved one; failure; shattered dreams; abandonment; betrayal; moral failure; rejection; persecution; loneliness; depression; the list goes on and on. Let's dig deeper to learn how God wants us to handle the storms of life.

1. **Read John 2:1-12.** What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. Like the story of Jesus turning the water into wine, we shouldn't be shocked when the wine runs out. No one is exempt from trials. Do you know of any godly people who faced tragedy? Explain.
3. Why does God allow His devoted children to go through trials?
4. Read Psalm 50:15. Just as Mary asked Jesus for help when the wine ran out, we should do the same when we face trials. Why is prayer the best thing to do in the midst of trials?

5. Describe a time that you turned to Christ during a trial and He helped you?
6. Mary told the servants, "Do whatever He tells you." Why is it important to be obedient to God when we face trials?
7. Is there any part of your life that is out of alignment with God's will? Explain.
8. What are the benefits of relying upon Christ in hard times?
9. What does it look like when we don't rely upon Christ in times of difficulty? In other words, what do we sometimes do instead of relying upon Christ?
10. Are you facing a difficulty right now? If so, would you share it with the Home Group so we can pray for you?

The Last Word: "Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need."
Matthew 6:33