



Refreshing The Thirsty | John 2:1-10

1. As you read the story of Jesus at wedding in Cana, what stands out to you and why?
2. Why, do you think, does Jesus commit to attending this wedding at such a strategic moment in his earthly ministry? What does your response teach you about Jesus' priorities? If you were Jesus launching his mission to save the world, would you have started differently?
3. In a marriage service, the traditional wording says, '*Our Lord Jesus Christ was himself a guest at a wedding in Cana*' but does not justify why this statement is made. So what? Do your responses to Q2 help make sense of the inclusion of this statement?
4. Jesus makes relationships with others a priority. How do you protect (or not) your relationships with others from busyness? Do you have a high enough value of such interactions with others? Chris described the need to find 'a holy balance' in our lives. What does that even look like and what are the traps to be avoided?
5. How was Jesus' miracle at the wedding controversial? Discuss the different responses which would have happened from the different persons likely present. Can you think of an occasion when someone has provoked your anger because they broke a tradition which you held as sacred? How does Jesus' example in our text challenge the situation(s) you have described?
6. Discuss the status change which happens during the celebrations: Jesus attends as a guest but finds himself acting as the host. How important is Mary's contribution to this happening? What do you make of her statement to/request of Jesus? Should Jesus have spoken to Mary as he did? What do you make of Mary's response?
7. Is there any (theological) significance that Jesus takes something very ordinary (water) and turns it into something extra-ordinary (finest wine)? It would have been much quicker if Jesus just 'magicked up' some wine without all the effort of gathering water. Why, do you think, didn't he take such a shortcut?
8. Read verse 11. How is this act in Cana a '*first glimpse of the glory of God*'? How have you seen glimpses of the glory of God in your journey of faith so far?



What did you discover about God in this passage?
What did you discover about people in this passage?
How will you commit to obey this passage this week?
With whom will you share what you have learned?

