

Believe

JOHN

MESSAGE

STUDY GUIDE

GROUP MATERIAL

SONGS

Community Group Material:

Bible Reading: Jn. 2:1-11

Ask one person to pray at the beginning of your meeting.

Check-in

Check in with each other about how everyone is doing.

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Sermon Summary:

Many people are familiar with Jesus turning water into wine. This miracle is not some random display of his power. Rather, it points to **God's abundance**, the promised characteristic of his coming era (Isa. 25:6-8; Jer. 31:12-13) when all things would be restored. In Jn. 2:1-11, the headwaiter & the disciples are ambushed (taken by surprise) by this abundance. How did they respond? The disciples saw God at work & believed, the head waiter did not. He chose to 'reason away' what he knew had happened. God is still ambushing us today with his abundance. How will we respond?

Discussion:

1. Read 25:6; Joel 3:18; Amos 9:13, 14; Jer. 31:12. The characteristics of God's new era are mentioned in the verses. Describe what abundance & joy looks like. In John 10:10, Jesus indicates that through him

the abundance of God's new era begins now. Discuss the implications of what he says.

2. Why was it so significant for Jesus to begin his public ministry by turning water into wine? Is this similar to what Luke records in 4:16-19? Why?
3. Why did Jesus rebuke his mother? What was he trying to help her to see?
4. What did Jesus mean when he said, "*My hour has not yet come*" in this context?
5. Compare and contrast the response of Mary, the headwaiter & the disciples.
6. What is your experience of being ambushed by God's abundance? How do you experience his abundance on a daily basis?

End with Prayer.

- Pray for people who you would like to see be ambushed by his abundance.
- Pray for one another's needs