



November 4, 2018

Main Text: John 2: 1-11

**Optional Ice Breaker**

Since we are in November, how do you celebrate or mark the beginning of the holiday season (Thanksgiving & Christmas)?

**The BIG IDEA**

Knowing where to turn to find solutions to life's problems

**Getting in the Word**

Talk about the “problem” Mary identified and how that would impact not just her, but the wedding party and the guests. Once she identified the problem where did she turn for an answer ?

How does wine represent hope in scripture? Read Joel 3:18 & Amos 9:13-14

What are some of the “problems” you are dealing with in your life and where are you turning to find answers? Share with the group who, where and why you look for answers where you do.

Why is it significant that Mary told the waiters/servers to “do whatever Jesus tells you”? What does that say about who is in the foreground and who is in the background when it comes to problem solving in Mary's life?

How does the way Jesus responds to Mary show that there is a change in their relationship from both Mary's perspective and Jesus' perspective? Why is it important we understand the relationship we need to have with Jesus before we ask Him to solve our “problems.”?

What does Jesus ask the waiters to do (2 things) and do you think the waiters looked at this as being connected to solving the problem of running out of wine? What has God asked you to do that you didn't think would solve your problems but ended up helping you get answers?

Why did the waiters have to walk in faith after Jesus asked them to go to the master of the banquet? How is God asking you to walk in faith as you wait for your water to turn to wine (Miracles or answers to problems in your life)?

**The BIG Question Is:**

Have you identified the problems in your life and have you turned to Jesus for the answer?