

July 14, 2019

Family & Community Discussion



07: WATER TO Wine

Today's Scripture

JOHN 2:11

JOHN 2:1-11

PSALM 104:14-15

EPHESIANS 5:18

MATTHEW 9:15

REVELATION 19:9

MATTHEW 26:39

MATTHEW 26:27-28

ISAIAH 25:6-8

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INTRODUCTION

God uses the metaphor throughout the Old Testament that He is like a groom and His people are His bride. When Jesus comes, He uses the same metaphor for Himself, that He is our great Bridegroom. He will give Himself for His bride in order to restore her. The emotions of love and delight, like a bridegroom feels for his bride, is how Jesus feels about us (in a non-sexual way). The words God uses for people are words of intimacy and closeness, we cannot be close when there is sin that separates us. The point is that He has done everything for us and because of what He has done on the cross all our imperfections are not just covered, but REMOVED to where we are an absolute beauty to Him. Why? Because He is that committed to us...that is the good news of the Gospel.

DISCUSSION

What is the most epic wedding fail you have ever seen (or heard about)?

Why do you think weddings (the ceremonies) are so important?

EXPLANATION – READ MATTHEW 9:15

What do you think Jesus means by the question about mourning and bridegrooms?

Can you answer His question?

How is our understanding of Jesus' work on our behalf supposed to turn our lives to an abiding joy?

APPLICATION

What things in your life seek to master you?

What things are more important to you than Jesus?

Examples (how you drive, work, sleep, fight in your relationships) – in what things are you more important to yourself than Jesus?

MISSION – READ REVELATION 19:9

Do you feel like you have been invited to God's great banquet?

How can you also extend that same invitation to others?

