

Community Bible Church Sermon Discussion Questions: Mar 3, 2024 Pastor Ed Newton

Title: Wedding Crasher Text: John 2:1-11 Target: The Best is Yet to Come

Question #1: Reflecting on this passage and the truths shared by Pastor Ed, *what was the most significant takeaway you have from this message?*

- I. A Savior at a <u>Wedding</u>: "Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples." (Vs. 2)
 - A. Jesus was approachable
 - B. Jesus was available
- II. Shortage of <u>Wine</u>: "When the wine **ran out**, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." (Vs. 3)
 - A. Request of Mary:
 - 1. Moment of Crisis
 - 2. Mistake that's Costly
 - **B.** Response of Jesus: "And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." (Vs. 4)
- **III.** Statement of <u>Wisdom</u>: "His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." (Vs. 5)
 - A. Take it to Jesus
 - B. Trust it with Jesus

Question #2: As children mature, they typically become less reliant on their parents as they grow up into adulthood. Do you believe children of God also grow in their independence from Him as they develop their spiritual maturity? Why or why not? Give some examples and verses to support your thoughts.

- **IV.** Significance of the <u>Waterpots</u>: "Now there were six stone water jars there for the **Jewish rites of purification**, each holding twenty or thirty gallons." (Vs. 6)
 - A. Old Covenant: Purification came following Customs
 - B. New Covenant: Purification comes from following Christ

- V. Spirit of the <u>Workers</u>: "Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it." (Vs. 7-8)
 - A. Spirit of Expectation: "filled them up to the brim"
 - **B.** Spirit of Expediency: "so they took it"

Question #3: How can we, as followers of Jesus, reflect the same spirit of expectation and expediency in our daily lives? What would that look like, and what aspects of our lives would change?

- VI. Sign becomes a <u>Witness</u>: "This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him." John 2:11
 - **A.** Not all will See: "When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom." (Vs. 9)
 - **B. Provision is Abundant**: *"Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine."* (Vs. 10a)
 - C. Best is yet to Come: "But you have kept the good wine until now." (Vs. 10b)

Question #4: Can you share a specific instance where you felt that God provided for you in a way that seemed beyond coincidence or human intervention? How does the promise of God's provision influence your understanding of generosity and your personal financial responsibility?

Takeaway: When your resources run out, take it to Jesus. When your religion runs out, trust it with Jesus.

Question #5: How can you deepen your trust and closeness with Jesus this week? How can we as a group, help support you and provide accountability?