

Jesus Will Do It for You Small Group Guide

Warm-up Question: (Choose one, make up your own, or skip this part altogether, depending upon the nature of your group.)

1. Generally speaking, are you quick to ask other people for help or do you prefer to try to take care of things yourself?
2. Describe a recent occasion in which you were surprised.

Read the following passages: John 2:1-11.

The Gospels are filled with Jesus' miracles. The Gospel of John highlights seven significant miracles that "revealed Jesus' glory" (John 2:11). Miracles continued to play a significant role in the early church. (See, for example, Acts 2:43, Romans 15:18-19, and Galatians 3:5.) According to many church scholars, miracles continue to play a big role in the church today.

The first miracle recorded in the Gospel of John took place at a wedding celebration. This miracle did not save anyone's life or free anyone from a debilitating disease. Rather, Jesus performed a miracle to rescue a groom and his family from public shame and embarrassment. God cares about every part of our lives. While he may not perform a miracle every time we make a mistake, often we are too slow to ask Jesus for help. Mary's relationship with Jesus was the reason a miracle took place at this wedding. When we know who Jesus is, and who we are in relationship to Jesus, miracles can happen in and through our lives as well.

Questions for Discussion (Choose several that are relevant for your group):

1. Have you ever seen a miracle? Explain.
2. Why was running out of wine at a wedding celebration a big deal?
3. Why do you think Jesus showed some reluctance to get involved when his mother, Mary, first told him that the groom's family ran out of wine?
4. The subject of identity implicitly emerges in several places in John's record of this miracle. The groom and his family were on the verge of experiencing public shame. Mary knew who Jesus was and that he could do something to help. Jesus helped the groom and his family because his mother was the one who asked. Do you see yourself as someone for whom God would work a miracle? Explain. What are some ways our self-identity impacts how we relate to God and other people?

5. Read Luke 11:5-10. What role does boldness play in receiving what we ask from God? What might it look like to be bolder with God? Are there any bold requests you're currently bringing to God?
6. Mary made a request not for herself, but for someone else. Are you currently praying for anyone outside of your own family? Explain.
7. How would you like to see your faith grow in this season of your life?

Pray