

DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

Anything is Possible - Week 2: Water to Wine April 13-16, 2023

LEADER NOTES: Spring trimester: 1/23 - 5/7, Summer trimester: 6/5 - 7/30, Fall trimester: 8/28 - 12/10

Leader Podcast Now on Spotify: You can now listen to <u>Leading Well in 7 Minutes or Less on Spotify</u>. Follow it and you won't miss an episode. This week it's Pastor Jonathan Vinke on how to lead your group, and a model for daily prayer and bible reading. If you don't have Spotify, you can listen to the <u>new episode here</u>.

Equipping Ministry Teachers: Available to come to your Disciple Group to teach a session on apologetics, interpreting scripture, world religions, and more. <u>Click here to register</u>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – What's your next step? Stay informed and connected to ALL the things God is doing in and through The Church of Eleven22 at **coe22.com/news**.

NEW: Baptism classes are happening after every service at all campuses. **Beach Baptism** is on 5/21. <u>Click here</u> to serve at beach baptism. Maybe your group can serve together.

10:10 Life - Thank You BBQ & Carwash for First Responders: Mandarin Campus•Saturday•April 22•10am - 3:30pm•All first responders are invited to free lunch and a carwash. Everyone is invited to fellowship. If you wish to serve at the event, click here to register.

Secret Church: April 21•7pm-1am•Baymeadows Campus•\$15•A one-night, intensive Bible study led by Pastor David Platt walking through the entire book of Jonah, learning about the urgent spiritual and physical needs in Iran, and praying for the persecuted church around the world. Secret Church will be hosted by the 1825 Ministry, but the event is open to everyone. Click here to register.

THIS WEEK'S READING PLAN: coe22.com/readingplan

Share Wins, Praises and Prayers: Where did you see God move this week?

The Point: God takes what is filthy and does not just make it better; He makes it into a new creation. Have you been made new?

SERMON TEXT: John 2:1-12; Revelation 19:6-9, 20:1-6

Discussion Questions

LEADERS: You have the option, based on your group and where God is leading your discussion, to select Discover and/or Deepen questions below. There's no pressure to get through all these questions during your time, but we suggest prayerfully planning your choices. Your leadership of sharing and questioning will determine how deep your group goes with their answers. We hope the answers in the curriculum are a helpful starting point for you. They are not the only answers.

- What stood out to you from the sermon this week?
- Read John 2:1-12. What did God reveal to you in the scriptures this week, maybe for the first time?

These questions come, in part, from the study guide to Pastor Joby's book: Anything Is Possible

- Changing the water to wine was the first of Jesus's signs or miracles.
 - Discover: Why is this a big deal? (Once Jesus performed his first miracle, the countdown to his death and resurrection began. Jesus also takes this seriously because his mom asked him. He cared for her, and he cares for you. Bring all your needs to Jesus. You might also discuss how the Bible begins and ends with a wedding. (See Genesis 2 and Revelation 19 and 21.))
 - Deepen: What is the stated purpose for this miracle, for any miracle? (John 2:11 explains, "This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him." This is the pattern: 1. There's a sign that points to God's character and redemptive purpose. 2. God's glory is manifested. 3. People believe.)
- When Jesus told the servants to take the jars, fill them, and take them to the host, they obeyed even though they weren't sure what was happening. They were risking great embarrassment, yet they were obedient, and Jesus used them in His miracle.
 - Discover: Share a time you acted upon what Jesus told you to do even when it made no sense to you. What happened next? (Notice the number of faith steps involved in this sign. If those steps of obedience in faith aren't taken the miracle is never experienced. How many miracles are still in the container? What if your miracle is just on the other side of a step of obedience?)
 - **Deepen:** When you don't obey Jesus, what's stopping you and how can you surrender to Him and be more obedient?
- Jesus calls us to spread the Gospel. How would you explain to someone that Jesus changing the dirty water into wine is like what he does for us? (Jesus takes what is filthy and doesn't just make it better; He makes it into a new creation. He cleans us from the inside out. He gives us a new heart. He wipes away our sin debt and His righteousness is imputed to us.)
- At the Last Supper, Jesus spoke of the "cup of the new covenant."

 Discover: How does that contrast to the old covenant and underscore the fact that Jesus is the only way to God? (The old covenant was based on the law. We had to follow it perfectly to be holy. It was impossible for us to do on our own. The new covenant is based on grace. In the new covenant, "God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). The blood of Jesus covers our sins.)

Deepen: How is the covenant between God and His church different from a contract, which is how most people define their relationship with God?

ACTION STEP

A Disciple...Loves All People, Discovers Identity in Jesus, Deepens Relationship with Jesus.

In John 2:5 Mary tells the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

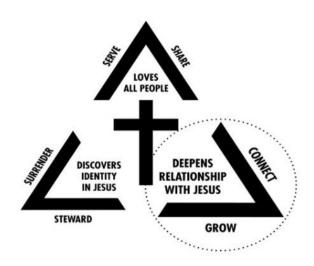
- Schedule a time right now to earnestly pray, "What is Jesus telling me to do?"
- Write it down and do it.

Additional Resources:

• **RightNow Media:** Find an unending supply of resources by signing up for a FREE RightNow Media account. Go to coe22.com/rightnowmedia or text "RightNow" to 441122.

(Note: You'll need to login or create an account to view RightNow Media content.)

• Details on the 10:10 Life are available at coe22.com/1010life.



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