

**Sermon Discussion Questions**  
**John 2:1-11**  
**Gallons and Gallons...of Grace!**

Read the Passage together...

We looked at the 3 ways that Jesus completed the statement, “The Son of Man came...”. Two of them stated His **purpose**...Seek and Save the Lost, Serve and give his life a ransom for many. The last one His **method**...Eating and drinking. From what you remember from the gospels--where do you remember Jesus eating and drinking?

Jesus has been invited to the wedding...

- From vv 1-5 what strikes you about Jesus’ response to his mother’s request?
- What about Mary’s response in v. 5?

How does this passage (1-5) tell us about how Jesus viewed his mission on earth? What do we see as some of the practical implications for those who are committed to Jesus’ mission?

Why did Jesus choose to use the stone water jars--which had a very specific purpose--to hold the wine he was going to create? Other than just being the biggest things available--what might Jesus wanted to communicate?

We know that Jesus turned that water into the BEST wine? What does this tell us about Jesus? What did he come to bring? (hint...the answer isn’t just wine! ;o)

Philosopher Michael Novak identifies three kinds of convictions: 1) Public – what we say we believe, 2) Private – what we think we believe, 3) Core – what we really believe. Dr. John Ortberg reflects on Novak’s work saying, “The best indicator of my true beliefs and my true purposes are my actions. They always flow out of my mental map about the way things really are. What I say I believe might be bogus. What I think I believe might be fickle. But I never violate my idea about the way things are. I always live in a way that reflects my mental map. I live at the mercy of my ideas about the way things really are. Always. And so do you.”

Do you agree or disagree? How have you seen this at work in your life? How have you seen this in your desire to follow Jesus and living out the Kingdom of God?

How does the miracle of the wine show us that Jesus is ultimately satisfying, and what our hearts are looking for?

Reflect on this statement: Jesus’ miracle shows us he comes to not kill the party but to bring a better one.