

A person is shown from the chest up, holding up the word "NEW" in large, glowing, white letters. The person's arms are extended, and they are wearing a dark green long-sleeved shirt. The background is dark and out of focus.

New Miracles

John 2:1-12

*These questions are provided to lead the group in **applying** the teaching from Sunday. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you in being a doer of God's Word. Challenge each other and be vulnerable as God works IN and THROUGH you together.*

1. Who has God placed on your heart to invite to The Table (1-Year Rally)? Have you had any table meetings (Church? Community? Cultures?)? If so, how's it going?
2. Share about a time when something "ran out" at the worst possible moment (time, energy, money, patience, etc.). What did you do in that situation?
3. Read John 2:1-12. What happens and what stands out to you most in this story?
4. In verses 1-2, why do you think Jesus chose a wedding for his first miracle? Why would the Savior of the world take the time to go to a party? What does this passage reveal about Jesus' character and his kingdom? How does the spirit of religion affect our ability to see and live in the kingdom of God in joyful ways?
5. Life Church Value: Creating BOLD Fun – We live joyfully and spread it! How have you seen this value practiced at our church? Why is this important in our world today?
6. They invited Jesus to their wedding. How can you be more intentional about inviting Jesus into the moments of your life?
7. In verses 3-4, it says they ran out of wine. Why was this such an ordeal in first-century Israel? How is this a picture of how both religion and the world always run out of what is needed? In your life right now, where do you feel like you've "run out" of something?
8. In verses 5-8, why do you think Jesus helps after gently rebuking his mother for involving him? What does Mary tell the servants and how is this good advice for us, too? What specific instructions does Jesus give and how do the servants respond? Why didn't Jesus turn the water into wine without involving others?
9. What does it look like practically in your current season to "do whatever he tells you"? What might "filling the jars" look like in your life right now (obeying God even if you don't understand it all)? How did the level of the servants' involvement affect the size of the miracle? How does this encourage you or challenge you?
10. In verses 9-10, what happens? What is the significance of Jesus turning water into the best wine? This miracle is a symbol of Jesus providing the new wine of the Spirit to transform and fill our empty lives from the old wine of religion and the world. What emptiness or brokenness do you need to give to Jesus for him to transform?
11. In verses 11-12, John calls this a "sign." What do you think is the message of this miracle? How does this story motivate you to believe Jesus and do whatever he says?
12. How can this group pray for you and our church this week? Pray for people to invite to your Church Table, Community Table, and Cultural Table.