

Family Matters – The Things We Hide

John 2:1-10

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No family is perfect. Every family has secrets they try to hide away and let no one know about. We begin the series looking at Jesus' own family. When we can be fully honest in front of God and each other it is there that God shows up and gives us the very best.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Share with the group a moment at a wedding or a family event that was particularly memorable, good, or even a challenging one?

How can you relate your own story or another person's story from above to the bible passage where Jesus was at a wedding in Cana in Galilee and his mom, Mary turned to him to fix a problem that would have brought shame to the host?

Read John 2: 1-11 In verse 11, we see that this is Jesus's first miracle. Up until this point, He was not known as a miracle worker, so why do you think Mary approached him?

What do you learn about the relationship between Jesus and his mother (vv 3-5)?

At this time in biblical history, weddings were multiple days long and if the host ever ran out of wine it would be a sign of disrespect and cause a major problem. How would you feel if you were the wedding host (verse 3 or verses 9-10) or the servant (verses 6-8)? Put yourself in the shoes of Mary or even Jesus; how would you feel?

In the sermon this week, Pastor Liz talked about family and that sometimes we have great joy and feel love, and at other times, family members can be a source of frustration. What is a story about your own family you would be willing to share?

Pastor Liz also shared stories about weddings, and how people often keep little secrets or problem solving from the bride and groom so that the day is not ruined. Can you recall a time you did this, or like Mary, you tried to handle a situation without involving the bride, groom, or the host?

Liz explained that Mary named the problem; there is no more wine. She then gave it up to God (his son Jesus) to transform the problem into a blessing. When you face a problem how have you followed Mary's path in the way she interacted with Jesus?

APPLICATION

How can you keep God at the center of your family to better deal with problems that will come your way? If you are in a small group, how you help each other be accountable for turning troubles over to God so that He can transform them?

COVID 19 Question: Where is the "wine" level (zest for life) in your life right now? Full? Half full? Empty? What is draining you? Do some areas of life seem like stale water in an old jug? If so, how could Jesus renew that? Where do you need to see the water turned into wine in your life right now and how can you turn to Jesus to get that need met?

