

Covenant Group Guide - January 9, 2022

Group Meetings:

A good way to organize your group discussion is to focus on the sermon and preaching passage from Sunday. This week's preaching passage is: **John 2:1-11**. Reflect on the passage and the sermon together and share words and thoughts that stood out to you from both. If you weren't able to hear the sermon on Sunday, it can be viewed on the church's YouTube page.

Here are some questions that may help you begin your conversation:

- We are told by John in verse 11 that this miracle in Cana was the first "sign" through which Jesus revealed his glory. What purposes do signs play in our life? What do they communicate and help us understand?
- 2. As a sign of Jesus' glory, this miracle is meant to hint at many things about Jesus' character and about the realities of the kingdom he is ushering into the world. What does this account suggest about Jesus and the kingdom he represents?
- 3. This sign helped the disciples believe in Jesus more deeply. As you consider the list developed in the previous question, what truths about Jesus and his kingdom will you ask God to help you trust and believe more deeply?

Personal Daily Readings:

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The daily readings listed below follow the Narrative Lectionary for 2021-2022. As the name suggests, as you read each day's passage, spend time reflecting on how God's story continues to unfold through the scriptures and how we are connected to it.

This week's readings	
Sunday: John 2:1-11	Thursday: Revelation 19:1-10
Monday: Luke 14:7-11	Friday: Isaiah 25:6-9
Tuesday: Luke 14:15-24	Saturday: Psalm 23:1-6
Wednesday: Psalm 104:10-16	

As you read each day consider the following questions:

- 1. What is the main idea of the passage?
- 2. Where did you see an example of God's blessing?
- 3. What from the passage can I apply to my life?



Covenant Group Guide Typical Meeting Format

- 1. Spend time throughout the week reading the daily Scripture passages.
- 2. Spend time sharing and getting to know each other.
- 3. Open scripture time in prayer
- 4. Briefly review last week's lesson
- 5. Read the current week's scripture as a group
- 6. Go through the Covenant Group Guide questions
- 7. As your group goes through the questions, encourage one another to bring up words or phrases that stick out to each person for further conversation.
- As you close, be sure to take notes of words or ideas the group would like to investigate further.
- Determine how you would like to go about gaining additional information regarding those words or ideas. (The church staff and pastors are able to assist as needed)
- 10. Share joys and concerns and close in prayer.