

## **Small Group Discussion Guide: May 4th Sermon**

### **“Water Into Wine - And Other Miracles”**

#### **Scripture Focus:**

John 2:1–12 (Jesus turns water into wine)

Ephesians 3:20

John 6:1–15 (Feeding of the 5000)

John 11:1–44 (Raising of Lazarus)

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#### **1. Icebreaker:**

- Share a time when you were unexpectedly surprised by someone’s generosity—big or small. How did it make you feel?
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#### **2. Exploring the Text:**

##### **Read John 2:1–12 together. Then discuss:**

- What stands out to you most in this story of Jesus’ first miracle?
- Scott Koop, the Square One World Media speaker, shared that running out of wine wasn’t just inconvenient—it was a deep cultural shame. What does this tell us about why Jesus chose to act?
- Jesus made about 150 gallons of wine—more than enough. What do you think His abundance tells us about God’s character?

##### **Read Ephesians 3:20. Reflect:**

- How does this verse help us understand Jesus’ miracles in John 2, 6, and 11?
  - In what ways have you seen God do “more than you could ask or imagine” in your own life, or someone else’s?
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#### **3. Going Deeper:**

- Scott Koop highlighted that this miracle wasn't about just meeting a need but doing so *extravagantly*. Why do you think God often works in ways that exceed what's required?
  - Consider the examples of feeding the 5000 and raising Lazarus. What patterns do you see in how Jesus provides or acts in these stories?
  - A memory that Scott mentioned was that as a kid, he struggled to understand why Jesus made more wine for people who may have already overindulged. How do you personally wrestle with stories of God's grace being given to people who seem not to deserve it?
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#### **4. Personal Application:**

- Where in your life right now do you feel like you're "running out of wine"—where you need God to step in?
  - Are there areas where you limit your prayers or expectations because you assume God only gives "just enough"? How might you start praying or living differently in light of God's extravagance?
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#### **5. Takeaway Challenge:**

This week, look for an opportunity to practice *extravagant generosity* in a small way—whether with your time, words, or resources. Come ready next week to share what you noticed about how it impacted you and others.

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#### **Closing Prayer:**

Invite group members to pray, asking God to open their eyes to His abundant provision and to help them reflect His generosity to others.