

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

For week of September 27, 2020

MY STORY

Where are you when you're faced with a sudden, serious problem? Be honest....

"The sky is falling!"

"Tell it to Jesus..."

QUICK REVIEW: Looking back at this week's teaching, was there a particular point, verse or comment that caught your attention, challenged you, or raised a question?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Being out of wine at a wedding was a BIG problem in Jesus' day.

- What do you make of Mary's & Jesus' interaction?
- How does this make you feel about your big problems?

2. Jay said that Jesus was addressing deeper issues that day—His relationship with Mary; purification rites; His ability to transform.

- When you're faced with a big problem, what is your main concern? Do you ever find yourself thinking beyond it?
- "Jesus is the solution to your problems." True or False. Does this passage show our part (if any) in a solution?

3. Jesus' miracles were significant on two levels—physical and spiritual—temporary and eternal.

- What is the purpose of those two levels? How does this influence our interaction with those we minister to?
- In our problems, it is Jesus who transforms and works. There are things that only He can do. Do you ever find yourself trying to "help" or "advise" Him?

How's that working? What's the solution?

TAKING IT HOME

In Matthew 6:25-34 Jesus gives us the proper understanding of and response to the issues that concern us. Our part is to trust. His part is to transform.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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Tips on Group Prayer

Prayer is an important part of being in a Small Group. We've found that group prayer goes better when we follow three simple guidelines:

WE PRAY FOR ONE TOPIC AT A TIME

Anyone in the group is free to introduce a prayer request. Once a request is introduced, the group focuses on that request. Once it's covered, the group moves on to the next topic.

PRAY MORE THAN ONCE

Because the group is focusing on one topic at a time, each person is encouraged to pray several times during the prayer time for those topics they feel most led to pray about. No one is required to pray out loud.

WE KEEP OUR PRAYERS SHORT & SIMPLE

Group prayer goes better when members keep their prayers short and to the point. When someone prays for a long time, it's hard for the other members to stay focused, and long prayers tend to intimidate those who are just learning to pray out loud in a group.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Missionaries of the Month Please pray for Tim & Heidi Olson, our missionaries soon-to-be-in Romania.

Prayer Gathering Tonight! Come gather with us at 6pm and together we'll lay our burdens before the Lord.

Small Group Sign-ups are happening now! Fill out your connection card and let us know you're interested and we'll get you in a group.



The Gospel of John---That They Would Believe ***Water Into Wine***

John 2:1-12 (ESV) Jay Farwell September 27, 2020

What we believe matters

It shapes how we live and how we trust Him and His provision for us.

I The Problem

Jesus used Mary's problem to reveal their relationship.

II The Solution

Jesus' miracle addressed something far greater than the immediate problem.

III The Significance

There is a deeper meaning behind Jesus' miracles.

1. It is Jesus who saves and gives joy

Everything in this life fades and runs out. Only Jesus can save and give us lasting joy.

2. It is Jesus who transforms

Our role is to come into His presence and know Him. His role is to transform us.

3. It is Jesus who works

Trust Jesus to do the work that only *He* can do.