

## WORSHIP

### SUGGESTED WORSHIP SONGS:

Rejoice, For the Lord is Good, This is Amazing Grace, Our God

## WELCOME

**Jesus says.** Cite at least one meaningful thing that Jesus said in the Bible and share what it means to you.

## WORD

### JOHN 2:1-4

<sup>1</sup> On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there;<sup>2</sup> and both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding.<sup>3</sup> When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine."

<sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does that have to do with us? My hour has not yet come."

The four gospels presented Jesus in different ways, but together they form a beautifully woven tapestry. In Matthew, we see Jesus' sovereignty as king. In Mark, we see His humility as a servant. In Luke, we see His humanity. Finally, in John, we see His deity.

John the apostle presented Jesus' deity. He focused on Jesus as God, the visible "image of the invisible God" (**Colossians 1:15**).

*"For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form."* – **Colossians 2:9**

John built a three-fold argument composed of the witnesses, works and the words of Jesus to show that He is God. John chose a select number of works of Jesus as a testimony to who He really is. What can we learn about Jesus' position, power and purpose from the first work of Jesus that John reported?

### HIS POSITION (JOHN 2:1-4)

The true Christian life begins with submission to Jesus' divine position. His absolute sovereignty demands our absolute submission.

In the wedding at Cana, Mary told Jesus that they had no more wine. Being a perfect son, obedient as a child (**Luke 2:51**), Jesus responded to her concern.

In calling his mother, "woman," Jesus was not being rude. This was a common Jewish language used to distance oneself. Jesus took this opportunity to teach Mary something very important: to gently point out that their relationship had changed, that she could no longer make demands of Him.

Mary was the mother of the human Jesus, not the mother of His deity. It is important for us to remember that Jesus is God (**John 1:1**), Creator (**John 1:3**), Pre-existent (**John 1:15**), Omniscient (**John 1:48**), and Pre-eminent (**Colossians 1:18-19**).

Jesus had just started His public ministry with His first disciples. His path would lead to the cross, eventually to his death (**John 17:1**). Mary could not go where Jesus was going. He had now stepped out to follow His Father's will. Mary was a godly woman, and Jesus was her God.

Mary modeled for us absolute submission to Jesus' sovereignty when she told the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it." Her example shows us that Jesus' absolute sovereignty demands our absolute submission. We are to submit our entire life to Him.

Jesus does not want to be a part of our life; He wants to become our entire life. The Bible is very clear that we need to die in order to be reborn. We need to die to ourselves in exchange of the abundant life, the fullness of God and His inexhaustible grace.

If we want our life to truly change, it begins with our submission.

### HIS POWER (JOHN 2:5-10)

The Christian life begins with absolute submission and it continues with dependence upon Jesus' power. His omnipotence demands our complete dependence. Jesus' part is to work powerfully for His glory and our good. Our part is to obey Him.

## WORD (cont'd)

Our testimony does not end when we are saved. We all have stories of His faithfulness that we can share with others. Jesus wants us to experience His fullness, abundant grace and life through obedience to His commands and reliance on His power.

John chose to write the miracle at Cana because here, Jesus removed the need for seeds, sunlight, grapes and time to create wine. Only God can make something out of nothing. Jesus did it, for He is God.

### HIS PURPOSE (JOHN 2:11)

The true Christian life results in us being conformed into Jesus' image (**Romans 8:29**). We cannot add to His glory, but we can recognize it. Jesus is God, worthy of our worship and our submission. His glory demands our transformation (**2 Corinthians 3:18**).

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

*(Leaders: Please choose questions that are appropriate to the level of spiritual maturity of your members)*

- 1. Wedding Wine.** How do you describe the conversation between Jesus and Mary in the passage?
- 2. Abundant Life.** What is an abundant life? Describe your experience of an abundant life in Christ.
- 3. Jesus Says.** What did Jesus say in the Bible that you should share to others as you point them to Jesus?

In the miracle at Cana, John directs our attention to Jesus. Divine miracle must point people to Jesus. The purpose of our life is to be transformed to be more like Christ. When our family, friends, workmates and others look at us, they should see Christ in us and they should desire Him for themselves.

This is what the Christian life is all about: that we know who Jesus is, submit to His Position with complete dependence on His Power and be transformed into His image (His Purpose).

By this we will experience His fullness, the abundant life. It is not a life free from problems or a life free from trials, but rather a life filled with abundant grace that is more than enough to deal with any situation that we may face. This is the life that He promises. If we truly know Jesus, we will be transformed.

## WORKS

### TRANSFORMATION THROUGH CHRIST

A true follower of Jesus Christ is evidenced by a life that is being transformed into His image.

Take time to list down the changes that transpired in your life since the time you knew Jesus and accepted Him as your personal Lord and Savior.

List down also the other aspects of your life which you know Jesus is prompting you to be transformed and write specific ways by which you would be able to achieve them.

Pray in humility, surrender and have full dependence on Jesus to help you in your pursuit of Christ-like transformation.

### WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

#### I. Thanksgiving

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives

#### II. Country and the World

- Upright and moral governance of Public Servants and a God-centered Philippines
- Repentance and Salvation

#### III. Church

- That CCF Members would honor and love God and make disciples
- Elders, Pastors, Leaders, and Families
- Ministries and Churches worldwide

#### IV. CCF Facilities

- Worship and Training Center
- Prayer Mountain

#### V. Personal Concerns

- Deeper intimate relationship with God
- Righteous living
- Salvation of family and friends