



Week 1

Jumping In: Have you ever done something for someone else in secret? (for example: given an anonymous gift or planned a surprise)

Read John 2:1-11

1. Mary seems to know that Jesus is capable of doing something to fix the problem. Why do you think she asks Jesus about something that seems trivial, like running out of wine?

In Jewish culture, running out of wine would've been very embarrassing, celebrating is extremely important and this could've ruined a very special occasion. Mary shows a lot of trust in Jesus by coming to Him and submitting to whatever he chooses to do.

2. Mary trusts Jesus so much that she tells the servants to "do whatever He tells you." Do you think you could do whatever Jesus told you to, even if you didn't know why?

"Mary's words ought to ring in our ears. The Lord wants us to 'do whatever he tells' us. He often

doesn't describe the path that he's taking us on. He doesn't explain how he plans to deal with our problems. He simply calls us to obey."

- Dr. Tony Evans

3. Are you surprised that Jesus would use something so ordinary (like water) to perform this extraordinary miracle? Why is it surprising?

4. Why do you think this is the first sign that Jesus performs?

Some commentators believe that this sign points to the wedding feast between the church and Jesus when Jesus returns (Revelation 19:6-10). We also see in the gospels that Jesus enjoys celebrating with His people.

5. John says that the disciples believed in Jesus because of this sign, maybe Jesus performed this miracle simply to strengthen their faith. What has Jesus done in your life that strengthened your faith in Him?

Great place for an example from your own life as a leader.

6. What area of your faith do you feel needs to be strengthened?

Week 2

Jumping In: Have you ever wanted a sign from God that He is real?

Read John 4:46-54

1. In verse 45, we read that the Galileans welcomed Jesus because of the things they had seen Him do in Jerusalem. Why do you think Jesus calls out their desire to see signs in verse 48?

Jesus never shies away from the truth, these crowds were welcoming Him because of what He could do for them.

2. Jesus has mercy on the official and heals his son anyway. What does this tell you about Jesus?

One of the things it tells us is that Jesus doesn't turn away from us when we are struggling to have faith in Him. He is merciful with us when we come to Him.

3. The official shows his faith in Jesus' word by departing when Jesus says his son will live. Why would someone have a hard time believing what Jesus says without seeing a sign?

If all of us are honest, we have struggled at some point with wanting a sign from God.

4. Verse 53 tells us that not only the official but his whole family believed in Jesus because of this

miracle. Last week the disciples believed because of the miracle Jesus performed. What is the common result of these miracles?

The common result of these miracles so far is belief. Jesus performs these miracles as proof that He is the Messiah.

5. If your household isn't believers, what are some ways that you could share Jesus with them?

6. Would you believe if you saw a miracle like these?

It can be easy to believe in reaction to seeing a miracle, but we also see in the Gospels that those who've seen the miracles still struggle with belief.

7. John 20:29, "Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Do you feel capable of believing in Jesus without seeing, or do you struggle to believe? Why or why not? God wants us to believe without seeing, but He also doesn't get upset with us when we struggle to believe. "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!" Mark 9:24.

Week 3

Jumping In: What is the longest you've waited for something? (for example: a line for a ride, a gift you wanted, help with something you were struggling with, etc.)

Read John 5:1-15

1. The first 2 signs that Jesus performed were relatively private, this miracle was much more public. Why do you think this 3rd sign is more public?

Jesus is fulfilling Isaiah 35:3-6, which says that God will come to save, healing the blind, the deaf, the lame, and the mute. His ministry slowly becomes more public as word of Him spreads throughout Israel.

2. Notice the man doesn't answer Jesus' question with a resounding "Yes!" but gives an excuse for why he hasn't been healed. Why do we tend to give excuses for our circumstances?

We tend to think that our healing, achievements, and lives depend on us. When something doesn't happen how we want, we give excuses instead of going to God and being honest with Him about what we hope for.

3. This man had waited 38 years to be healed, can you imagine waiting that long for anything? Great place for a leader example of something you've had to wait on God for.

4. The religious leaders condemned the man for breaking the law instead of rejoicing in his healing. Instead of worrying about a checklist of how we're supposed to act, how can we be more intentional about rejoicing in what God is doing?

If students are struggling to think of some ways

to rejoice, ask them what they do when they're excited about something (a new game, traveling someplace, or doing well on something). Typically we take pictures, we share that excitement with the people around us, and we can do those same things when we rejoice in what God is doing.

5. Scripture doesn't tell us if this man came to believe in Jesus because of the miracle. How could someone not believe after such a miracle?

Belief requires humility, we have to be willing to admit that only God can save us and mature our faith in Him. If we can't, then even miracles won't cause us to believe.

6. As a group, go around and talk about one thing you would like to see God do in your life that only He can do. Add it to your prayer request.

Week 4

Jumping In: Have you ever been hangry? How do you get when you haven't eaten for a while?

Read John 6:5-14

1. How does Philip answer Jesus' question?

Philip is counting the actual cost of what it would take to feed all these people.

2. Why do you think Jesus tested Philip with this question?

Scripture says that Jesus knew what He was about to do. Philip was probably blown away by this miracle because Jesus brought to his attention what it would take to feed so many people.

3. Jesus had the disciples pass out the food. How do you think they felt as they were passing out this food to thousands?

4. Jesus said let nothing be wasted, is there something in your life that you think Jesus can't use to grow your faith or spread the Gospel?

We see in this story that Jesus is able to use even the smallest things. Encourage students not to be skeptical of what Jesus can use.

5. Verse 14 refers to Deuteronomy 18:15, "The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me (Moses) from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him." What does it look like to listen to Jesus?

Listening to Jesus looks like obeying the things He has commanded us to do. We can learn more about how to listen to Jesus by reading Scripture and learning more about who He is.

6. Think of something you have that you can give to Jesus (A talent, a hobby, allowance, anything).

This is a broad statement. Help students think through what it might look like for them. For

example, a student who is good at art can draw to glorify God, a student who is good at music can worship, a student who gets an allowance could begin tithing from it, etc. Include an example of what it looks like for you. An easy example would be you as a leader giving your time to spend with students on a Wednesday night.

Week 5

Jumping In: Have you ever felt like God asked you to do something, and you didn't understand why?

Read John 6:16-21

1. Matt 14:22 says that Jesus had the disciples get in the boat and go to the other side without Him. Why do you think He sent them ahead?

Through each of these seven signs in John, Jesus purposely does things so that the disciples and others will believe in Him. He also did these things so that we might believe in Him.

2. The disciples saw Jesus and were frightened. Is there anything about God that frightens you?

3. Matt 14:33 says the disciples worshiped Jesus when He came into the boat calling Him the Son of God. Each encounter with Jesus, the disciples gain a new understanding of who He is. Have you experienced or learned something new about God recently?

4. How is this miracle a sign that Jesus is God?

God created everything, so He also has power over it all to command it to do whatever He pleases. Jesus' power to do these things are a sign that He is God in the flesh.

Read John 16:5-15

5. Do you wish you could see Jesus physically? Why or why not?

6. Why would it be better to have the Holy Spirit instead of Jesus physically?

7. Is there something you're struggling with right now that you need to invite Jesus into?

Possibly encourage students with a story of a time you invited Jesus into a place where you were struggling, and He walked with you through it to the glory of God.

Week 6

Jumping In: Has a negative situation in your life ever worked out for good?

Read John 9:1-7

1. Why do you think the disciples believe this man is blind because someone sinned?

It is common for people to believe that bad things

only happen because someone did something wrong, but we live in a fallen world, and sometimes God allows a situation so that His power can be seen in it.

2. What do you think Jesus means when He says the man is blind "so that the works of God might be displayed in him?"

People and the disciples will believe in Jesus because of the work He does in healing the blind man. God's glory is displayed in this situation.

3. Jesus also makes a mysterious statement, "As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." What do you think He means by this?

Jesus is referring to His death on the cross here. He knows that His time working on earth in the flesh is limited.

4. Jesus is eternal, but He takes His time on earth as a human seriously because it is limited. How should Jesus' seriousness affect how we treat our time on earth?

If Jesus, who is God takes His time on earth seriously, we certainly should. Sometimes we think because our time is limited, that gives us permission to live how we want.

5. Notice that Jesus uses His limited time to glorify God, not to do whatever He wants. How does that surprise you?

6. What do you think it means to live your life for God? Is that hard? Why or why not?

Week 7

Jumping In: Are you afraid of death?

Read John 11:1-16

1. Why doesn't Jesus leave immediately when He hears that Lazarus is sick?

Jesus waits so that the miracle He will perform will lead others to believe in Him.

Read John 11:17-37

2. What do you notice about Martha's faith in Jesus?

Martha believes Jesus is capable of doing anything, that His kingdom is eternal, and she will see Lazarus again when Jesus resurrects everyone on the last day.

3. Both Martha and Mary say that if Jesus had been there, Lazarus wouldn't have died. Can God be good when He doesn't answer our prayers the way we ask Him to? Why or why not?

4. Jesus knows what He is going to do, but He is still deeply moved by Mary's grief and weeps for Lazarus. What do you think about how Jesus acts in this section?

Read John 11:38- 44

5. Jesus starts His prayer by thanking God for hearing Him. Do you feel like God hears you?

6. After this miracle, the chief priests plot to kill Jesus. Why would they plan to do this after Jesus raised someone from the dead?

Jesus' power threatens the power of the chief priests because Jesus doesn't use His power the way they expect Him to, He is a hindrance to their own plans for their power and glory.

7. What do you think it means to "see the glory of God?" Have you seen it in your life?

Seeing the glory of God means that we see Jesus for who He really is. When we believe in Jesus and follow Him, we will see Him as God and follow Him in where He is working around us.