

John Series

Leaders Guide

Week 4

Opening Question:

Share a time when you experienced an unexpected "shortage" in your life. How did you handle it?

Key Takeaways:

1. Jesus was both common and uncommon - relatable yet extraordinary.
2. God's perspective and timing often differ from our own.
3. Obedience and service are crucial in experiencing God's miracles.
4. God's solutions often surprise us and exceed our expectations.
5. The ultimate sign of Jesus' power is His resurrection on the third day.

Discussion Questions:

1. How does Jesus' presence at a wedding celebration challenge or confirm your view of Him?
2. The sermon mentions that following Jesus is "not a sprint, it's a marathon." How have you experienced this in your own faith journey?
3. Discuss the difference between seeking "quick fixes" from God versus allowing Him to work internal transformation. How can we cultivate patience in our spiritual growth?
4. How does the idea of being a "jar of clay" that God wants to reshape resonate with you? What areas of your life might God be wanting to transform?
5. The sermon suggests that "service is the way that God has created us to not only expand his kingdom, but also to grow our faith." Share an experience where serving others strengthened your faith.
6. How can we develop "spiritual eyes" to see God's work in our daily lives and not be surprised by His supernatural interventions?
7. Reflect on the "If the tomb is empty..." section. Which statement stood out to you most and why?

Practical Applications:

1. This week, identify an area in your life where you've been seeking a "quick fix." Commit to praying for God's perspective and timing in that situation.
2. Choose one way to serve others this week, viewing it as an opportunity for God to work through you.
3. Keep a daily journal of "God sightings" - moments where you recognize God's work in your life, no matter how small.
4. Memorize Ephesians 3:20 as a reminder of God's ability to do "far more abundantly than all we ask or think."

Closing Prayer:

Thank God for His willingness to work in our lives in unexpected ways. Ask for the faith to trust His timing and methods, even when they differ from our own expectations.