

1. Describe a time when you were either the host or a guest at a party and the provisions (food/drink) ran out. How did the lack of provisions affect the party? Why?
2. Read John 2:1–3. Why was it so significant that the wedding party ran out of wine? What were the potential outcomes of such a travesty in the 1st Century? In what ways has the wine run out in secular culture today? How about in our churches?
3. Read John 2:4–11. What does Jesus do about the problem of the lack of wine? Why would it have been unthinkable for most Jews to use jars reserved for the rites of purification as wine vats? What does this say about Jesus' understanding of Jewish ritual purity law?
4. What does Jesus' miracle reveal about who he is? How about what he plans to do?
5. Read John 2:4. Why does Jesus respond to his mother in this way?
6. What does Mary's conversation with Jesus reveal about her role in relationship with him? How has it changed since his childhood? How does her statement to the servants indicate her attitude towards Jesus?
7. In what ways has the wine run out or is in danger of running out in your life? How can you drink more deeply of the new wine available in relationship with Jesus?