

Summer ROAD TRIP

Week One | Weddings | 06.25-26.2022

Grow Deep Conversation Questions: Use these questions to help you process the message in your personal time of study or with your group. Time suggestions are based on a 90-minute group gathering.

Series Recap: Everyone has different experiences with road trips. Many of these memories aren't even about the original plan but what happened when plans changed. Jesus was amazing at living in the moment with the people God brought in His path. Let's explore the lessons of how we can be present together this summer and the stories we'll tell because of it.

» Opening

(3 minutes)

- Introductions - This is especially important if this is your first meeting and if there are new members.
- Housekeeping - Clarify expectations:
 - Remind your group that this is a confidential meeting.
 - **Remember, there may be many thoughts and views. Please remain kind and respectful during conversations.**
- Pray - Open your time together in prayer.

» Introduction

(12 minutes)

- Ice-Breaker: Share about the most memorable wedding you've been to.
- Digging Deeper: What made this wedding so memorable?

» Observation | Read John 2:1-11

(12 minutes)

- What are your initial reactions to this passage? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?

» Key Principle | Your needs are features, not bugs, to Jesus.

(12 minutes)

- Do your needs make you feel more or less deserving of Jesus' love and salvation?
- Have your needs drawn you closer to Jesus and grown your faith? Why or why not?

» Jesus When the Party Stops | Reread John 2:1-5; Psalm 111:1-5; Revelation 19:6-9

(12 minutes)

- Is it strange to picture Jesus being a guest at a wedding? Explain your answer.
- How do earthly needs – food, drink, clothing – mirror heavenly promise and blessing?

» Jesus When He Shows Authority | Reread John 2:6-8; Psalm 111:6-10; John 11:1-5, 14; Revelation 19:11-14

(12 minutes)

- Compare the actions of Jesus and the servants. What does Jesus do to make this miracle happen? The servants?
- If Jesus is The Word of God, what are servants missing out on if they do not actively follow?

» Jesus When He Shows His Kingdom | Reread John 2:9-11; John 1:29-35; Revelation 21:1-7

(12 minutes)

- How does the arrival of Jesus' Kingdom compare to the pomp of earthly kingdoms? Does it seem too ordinary?
- How does the promise in Revelation 21:6 & 7 compare to the wine at the wedding in Cana?

» Next Steps and Prayer |

(15 minutes)

- How might God be waiting for you to depend on Him? What has happened in the past when you have accepted His invitation to trust?
- Close by praying for one another to depend more fully on God throughout the summer, even in areas where it feels impossible.