

## CONNECTION

- Last week we looked at Jesus inviting people to “Come & See”. When was the last time someone invited you to come and see something that was unfamiliar to you. Did it go well, how did you feel, etc.?

## OPENING PRAYER

### SCRIPTURE:

- John 2: 1-12

### CONVERSATIONS:

- Share the most memorable wedding story (that isn't your own).
- Read John 2:1 - 5
  - Mary doesn't tell Jesus how to solve the problem of being out of wine but just trusts it to him. Share a time where you left a problem in your life to Jesus and how he cared for you in that season? What did Jesus ask you to do? (i.e. wait, apologize, repent, pray, etc.)
- Read John 2:6 - 11
  - What did the six stone jars of water represent? What did Jesus turning the water into wine represent?
  - This first sign of Jesus was that he had come to do something new – to introduce a new people (the church) and a new covenant (through his death and resurrection).
    - If the new people of God is the church, what are the implications for the Jewish people?
    - In what ways does the church have the same calling that the Jewish people once had? (Compare Isaiah 42:5 - 7 and Matthew 5:14 - 16)
    - In what ways is the church different from the people of Israel?
  - How is the covenant that God had with Israel different from the covenant that God has with the church through Jesus?

- If Jesus came to fulfill and complete the original (old) covenant, does that mean that the old covenant was bad? Why or why not?
- Read Mark 2:22.
  - What happens if we try to pour the new wine into old wineskins?
  - What are the dangers of mixing and matching between the old covenant and the new covenant?
  - Is the Old Testament still relevant for believers today? Should we still study the Old Testament?
- Jesus' sign was not only that he was going to do something new, but that it would be lavish.
  - What would cause someone not to see how lavish or extravagant something was?
  - Where have you seen God's lavish grace in your life?

### **RIDGE CHURCH REMINDERS:**

- RIDGE YOUTH LEADERS MEAL TRAIN | Sign up for Communities Oct 16-Dec 14.
- Ridge Essentials STARTING POINT Classes Start Sunday Oct 23rd
- Ridge Essentials DISCOVER CHURCH Classes Start Sunday Oct 30th
- KIDS NIGHT OUT Friday Oct 28th

### **PRAYER:**

- PRAY for the Men's group starting this week.
- PRAY for those in our church family who are dealing with health issues and other difficulties.
- PRAY for folks to sign up for the classes starting next week and for encouragement for those who will lead.
- PRAY that our Youth ministry would continue to grow and that all who attend would come to faith in Jesus.



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