

Leader/Host Guide* for John 2:1-11 The Wedding at Cana Week following Oct 8,9, 2011

*(please read the additional descriptions, instructions and notes on the yellow sample session format pages)

I. Gather, Nametags, Welcome and Icebreaker

Icebreaker suggestion:

We will be talking today about the first sign Jesus did – at the wedding at Cana. One idea for an icebreaker would be to invite people to share a wedding memory. . . either from their own wedding – or from another one they have attended. (As the host, you may want to go first and share a funny or meaningful moment at a wedding you attended. . . i.e. The father of the bride singing a solo. . the bride and groom each pouring a different color of sand into a clear vessel to symbolize the coming together of their lives. . . etc.)

II. Opening Prayer

Gracious God,

You are amazing. Thank you for loving each one of us so much. We pray that you might be in our study and our conversation. . . help us to grow closer to you and to one another as we focus on your Holy Word. Remind us today and always that you are a God of Joy!

In Jesus name,

Amen

III. Bible, Sermon, Text Messages (Reflection Questions) and Faith in Action Discussion

IV. Memory/ Focus Verse Review

V. Wrap up and Looking Ahead

VI. Closing Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Lord God,

Thank you for our time together. Help us in the coming week to celebrate our faith in Jesus Christ. Give us a contagious enthusiasm for life- so that others might want to know more about you – the source of our joy. We pray for all of those in our community of faith who are studying the Book of John. Draw each one closer to you.

In Jesus name we pray,

Amen

VII. Adjourn