

SMALL GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

Watch the video summary of the **June 22, 2014 Sermon** (3.5 minutes), "The question of timing." Please read the sermon passage (John 2:1-11) together out loud.

Small Group Questions (John 2:1-11)

Sermon Outline:

TRUST THE LORD, EVEN WHEN . . .

1. **Resources seem limited** (vv. 1-3)
 - a. Jesus allowed the resources to be completely depleted before he stepped in.
 - b. Jesus waited until Mary came to him before he stepped in.
2. **Questions seem challenging** (vv. 4-5)
 - a. Jesus did not reveal the details of what he was going to do.
 - b. Complete obedience ("Do whatever he tells you") is required.
3. **Efforts seem futile** (vv. 6-8)
 - a. Fill up purifying vessels with water? What is that going to accomplish?
 - b. But they filled them to the top in complete obedience and full effort.
4. **Understanding seems lacking** (vv. 9-11)
 - a. Onlookers may give credit to the wrong person.

Small Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: In what way has God allowed your resources to be completely depleted?
2. Based on #1, above: God usually does not simply provide new resources without being asked. Do you seek the Lord for help? What resource have you asked him to supply recently? How has God responded?
3. Based on #2, above: We often are required to give full obedience even before we know exactly what God is doing in our lives. And we all struggle with that! Is there an area in your life that you have no idea what God is doing? Are you giving full obedience?
4. Based on #3, above: Big problems usually make us feel very small--like no matter what we do, we can't fix the problem or even help toward a solution. But our full effort toward obedience and faith are not only helpful, they are crucial! Is there an area of your life where you are growing weary? How can we pray for you?
5. Based on #4 above: We can't control who others praise when their problems are resolved. But we can certainly be careful to praise God ourselves. Are you careful to give God glory when he works in your life? How?