



Small group study materials, February 2021

Chapter & verse – John Bradbury (page 16)

Read John 2:1-12, followed by John Bradbury’s article.

1. In his article, John says that this Bible passage allows us to ‘glimpse both that which has been lost, and that we look forward to’. What has been lost during these times of pandemic, and what do you look forward to?
2. ‘The first of Jesus’ “signs” was performed at a wedding,’ says John. What do you make of this? In what ways is the wedding described in the Bible passage similar or different to weddings, or other events, you’ve attended?
3. In the article’s fifth paragraph, John states: ‘Life right now feels a like a party that has been forced to end too early.’ Do you agree? Why?
4. Jesus ‘takes this moment of social peril and transforms it’, says John. What needs transformation in your church and community? What practical steps can you take towards creating positive change?
5. God invites us into a world of abundance, John argues, ‘super abundance of life and relationship’. What would an ideal world look like to you? How would your life and behaviour change if you received such abundance?
6. The Gospel writer will later tell ‘hard stories of death and of grief. But he only tells us that after he’s allowed us a glimpse of this party,’ says John, in the article’s penultimate paragraph. Is it easier to accept harder aspects of our faith when there’s the promise of good? Are there times in your life when this has been so?
7. Through Jesus’ transformative act, the wedding guests are treated to wine that exceeds their expectations. How might your expectations compare to God’s? How can we be the good wine in our communities today?

