

The Good in Serving on God's Mission

John 2:1-11





- What is good?
- Why should anyone choose good?
- Why is it hard to choose good and then do good?
- Missional=
 - going because are sent with the Gospel in God's name and power
 - its an act of service and its the highest good

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On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there; and both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine." 4 And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does that have to do with us? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it."

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Now there were six stone water pots set there for the Jewish custom of purification, containing twenty or thirty gallons each. Jesus said to them, “Fill the water pots with water.” So they filled them up to the brim. And He said to them, “Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter.” So they took it to him. When the headwaiter tasted the water which had become wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew),

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...the headwaiter called the bridegroom, and said to him, “Every man serves the good wine first, and when the people have drunk freely, then he serves the poorer wine; but you have kept the good wine until now.” This beginning of His signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory, and His disciples believed in Him.

- What's odd about this story?
- Important things for overall understanding?
- Who is in this story?

- Christ is our example for missional service
- 1-Christ served at all times and in all ways
- 2-God moves in little things
- 3-God moves through people
 - Do you think you're insignificant? Trivial?
 - What's trivial to you isn't to someone else
 - God uses people!

- 4- People matter to God
- 5- Christ deserves our hard work
- 6- Service is rarely immediately rewarded

- Christ gives us the ‘why’ of service
 - Why is this is first act?
 - 1- as a “sign”, a pointer, to signify something else; what?
 - Who Christ is, what he came to do, to invite us to share in missional serving

- Christ makes us good so we can serve
 - The stone jars would hold water for ritual purification
 - Why do we struggle so much with good and doing good?
 - Because we are fallen, sinful, unclean
 - Why don't want to do good for others without reward?
 - Because of the evil in our hearts
- When we know our uncleanness, we come to Christ and we are purified and made good to serve

- Christ brings us joy
 - What did Christ bring for the headwaiter?
 - Saved him, brought him joy
- “I am the MC; I am the bridegroom. My work, service, self-denial will bring you joy.”
- Christ came to bring you joy
- When you serve missionally, you bring his joy

- Who and how can you serve?
- Who needs joy?
- Where is your service pointing?
 - Neglect and pride- to me
 - Joy and choice- to Christ
- Are you serving others with hard work?
- Have you been purified by Christ to do good?