

5. Hope
- Why does Jesus say, “My hour/time has not yet come”?
- (Going Deeper:*
- You may want to check out some other references to ‘his hour / time’ to see how its meaning develops in the gospel: John 7:30; 8:20; 12:23,27; 13:1; 16:21, 32; 17:1. What does the ‘hour/time’ refer to in the rest of the Gospel?
  - How does this miracle point forward to God’s future blessings? (cf. John 3:27-30; Amos 9:13)
6. Grace
- What shame would the bridegroom at the wedding have faced because they had run out of wine?
  - How does Jesus’s miracle remove the shame from the man? (see especially verses 9-10)
  - How does the story illustrate ‘grace’?
  - Why does John highlight that the jars filled with water were for ceremonial washing?
  - How does this illustrate the claim made in John 1:17?

### Applying it to our lives

- From what we have learned in this study how would you respond to a non-Christian saying to you, “Becoming a Christian would take all the fun out of life.”?
- What advice about drinking alcohol would you give to:
  - A young Christian heading off to university?
  - An older Christian who seems to be drinking a lot at home?
  - A new Christian who was an alcoholic before becoming a Christian?

# GROWTH TEAMS



**PRAYER**



**CARE**



**SHARE**

**Week Beginning  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

### Growth Team News

Growth Teams restart this week for the New Year. They are a great way to come together for support as we pray for, care for and share God’s word with one another.

With lockdown we have two Growth Teams running on Zoom:

<b>Mon.</b>	8:00pm	<i>on Zoom</i>
<b>Thu.</b>	8.00pm	<i>on Zoom</i>

Anyone is welcome to join us. Please contact Paul (01843 592562) for more information or to join a team.

Over the next few weeks we will be following our sermon series and looking at encounters with Jesus in John’s gospel.

## God is not a Kill-Joy

*John 2:1-12 (page 1064-1065 in church Bibles)*

*Space to take notes on the talk*

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## Getting to know each other

- ❖ What did you enjoy most about the last wedding you attended?

## Responding to the talk

1. What from this week's talk would you have liked a non-Christian friend to have heard?
2. Read John 2:1-12
  - a. Who was at the wedding in Cana?
  - b. What had gone wrong? Why was this a big deal?
  - c. What do Mary's actions show about her attitude to Jesus?
  - d. How much wine did Jesus make?
  - e. Why was the master of the banquet impressed?
3. Going Deeper (Leave this out to save time)
  - a. What does John call this event in verse 11?
  - b. Read: John 4:54; 6:14; 12:18. What other events does John describe in this way?
  - c. What is John trying to say to us by labelling these events in this way?
  - d. How does all this help with the purpose of the gospel, as expressed in John 20:30-31?
4. Weddings and Wine
  - a. What does Jesus's presence at a wedding celebration teach us about God's attitude to 'partying' and marriage?
  - b. Is drinking wine a blessing or a curse? (cf. Psalm 60:3; 104:15) Why is Jesus's miracle a blessing in John 2?
  - c. Why is too much wine a problem? (cf. Proverbs 20:1,17; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; Ephesians 5:18a)
  - d. What is a good Christian attitude to drinking alcohol?