THE WEEKLY

New Life Small Group Guide

For groups meeting **December 8-14, 2019** *Whatever Happened to Baby Jesus? #2 – Miracle Worker Gahanna campus*

WELCOME (15 minutes)

• Ice Breaker: What's the funniest thing you've witnessed at a wedding?

WORSHIP (10 minutes)

Sing "O Come O Come Emanuel" by Francesca Battistelli. Lyrics are on the back.

WIN (15 minutes)

- Our December series: "Whatever happened to Baby Jesus?" is the perfect time to bring someone to a Sunday celebration who may not know Jesus as their Savior.
- Pray for people by name you are inviting to come to Celebration!

WORD (25 minutes)

Have everyone turn to and someone read John 2:1-11.

- 1. In verse 11, what does John mean by calling Jesus' miracles signs? (some versions might add the word 'miraculous' to this word but it is not really there.
- 2. Have someone read aloud John 20:30-31 and reflect on John's purpose for writing the Gospel of John. With John's purpose of the book in mind, what do you think is John's purpose of relating this miracle to us?
- **3.** Read vs 11 again. What "sign" revealed Jesus' glory to you and lead YOU to put your faith in Jesus?
- **4.** Re-read vs 7-10. How does the quantity and quality of the wine demonstrate Jesus' glory?
- 5. Why did Jesus choose to use the stone water jars which were designated for the "Jewish rites of purification" (v.6) to hold the wine he created? What does this reveal about Jesus as the Ultimate Purifier of human hearts, something that all the ceremonial washings in the world could never accomplish?
- 6. Read Isaiah 25:6-9 and reflect and respond to this statement: Jesus' miracle shows us he comes to not kill the party but to bring a better one.

WORKS (25 minutes)

• Break into smaller groups of <u>2 or 3's of the same gender</u> to pray for each other.

O Come O Come Emmanuel Francesca Battistelli

O come, O come, Emmanuel And ransom captive Israel That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel Shall come to thee, o Israel

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny From depths of Hell Thy people save And give them victory o'er the grave Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel Shall come to thee, o Israel

O come, Thou Day-Spring Come and cheer Our spirits by Thine advent here Disperse the gloomy clouds of night And death's dark shadows put to flight Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel Shall come to thee, o Israel

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