

**Behold His Glory: Behold His Joy!**

**Sermon # 7, John 2:1-11**

**Main Point:** *Jesus replaces empty religion with abundant relationship.*

**Getting to Know You**

1. Two options:
  - a. What was your mom like? What do you admire about her?
  - b. Think about a wedding you've attended of someone you admire. What was it about their wedding that impressed you?

**Getting into the Book:**

**Read John 2:1-11**

2. In light of Jesus' greatness, what elements of this story show Jesus' kindness to the lowly? (2:1-3, 9)
3. Why do you think Jesus performed this miracle? (Leader: after hearing people's answers, refer to 2:11)
4. For what purpose were the pots used (2:6)? See Mark 7:3-4 for commentary. What do they symbolize?
5. What are some adjectives to describe how Jesus supplied for this wedding?
6. What do you think Jesus is teaching us, if anything, about the role of celebration in our lives?

**Getting Out There**

7. How do people experience empty religion today? Were you, or are you, a person who practiced empty religion? If so, how?
8. In what specific ways have you experienced an abundant and joyful relationship with Jesus? Has anyone asked you about it?
9. What does it tell us about our relationship with Jesus that He supplied the best wine?
10. What "lowly" person can you talk to about having an abundant relationship with Jesus?

**Pray**

Praise God for the specific ways you have experienced an abundant and joyful relationship with Jesus. Thank Him for rescuing you from empty religion, and that the best is yet to come.