

THE Story

Lesson 6 Chapter 23 Jesus' Ministry Begins (Pt 2) p.325-329

1. What is the funniest/worst thing that ever happened at a wedding you attended?
2. On the middle page 325 we are told that Jesus and his disciples went to a wedding in Cana. Why do you think they went?
3. When they ran out of wine, why do you think Jesus' mother tried to get him involved?
4. What do you think Jesus meant when he said to his mother, "My hour has not yet come"?
5. What can we learn from Mary's response to Jesus?
6. On the top of page 326 we read that this "was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory." What particular aspect of Jesus' glory does this miracle reveal?
7. On the middle of page 326 we are introduced to a Pharisee named Nicodemus ("people's victor"). What does the meaning of his name suggest about his parent's hopes for him?

Why do you think he came to Jesus at night?

8. How did Jesus explain what it means to be "born again"?

What is involved in being "born of the Spirit" and why is it needed?
(Check out John 1:12-13; II Corinthians 5:17; Romans 5:9)

9. Why do you think John 3:16 (first sentence, second paragraph p.327) has been called "the heart of the Bible" and the "Gospel or "Good News" in miniature."

10. Jesus' encounter with a Samaritan woman begins on the bottom of p.327 to the middle of p. 329. Notice how the story begins...."Now he HAD to go through Samaria." What might be implied by that statement?

As you read the story, how did Jesus
purposely break down barriers established by society...

lovingly break down barriers established by sin...

skillfully break down barriers established by self-centeredness.

11. What does Jesus mean by "living water"?

Why do you think he chose water as his metaphor? What does this tell you about Jesus as a teacher?

12. Compare and contrast the woman's response to Jesus' words with that of Nicodemus.

13. As you review this portion of God's inspired Word, what truths do you learn about our humanity....sins to avoid & examples to follow

about our God... His promises to claim & His character to embrace