

BIG IDEA DISCOVERY STUDY / SERMON OUTLINE
EXAMPLE: John 2:1-12

1) BIG IDEA:

1) Discover the BIG IDEA (the main application point of the passage).

1) Create your BIG QUESTION: turn that BIG IDEA into a question.

2) SUPPORTING ONE THINGS

1) Find the SUPPORTING ONE THINGS (probably 3, 4 or 5) that answer the Big Question, and break up the passage accordingly. Put the key points in your own words as application points in answer to the Big Question.

3) DISCOVERY STUDY FROM ONE THINGS

1) Create questions that will provoke answers to “What does it mean?” and “What does it matter?”

2) For a sermon: Now that your outline is finished, fill in sub-points, cross references, quotes, illustrations, etc. as appropriate.

BIG IDEA: Jesus changes the ordinary into the extraordinary.

BIG QUESTION: How can we let Jesus make our ordinary lives extraordinary?

Favor His presence.

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there.

2 Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples.

1) What does it mean to invite Jesus into your life?

2) What are you doing these days to invite Jesus into your life? How would you like to do so more in the coming days/weeks/months?

Acknowledge your need.

3 When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.”

1) What is the number one problem in your life these days? What does it mean for you personally to present it to Jesus?

2) How does that make you feel that Jesus wants your problems?

Implement obedience.

4 And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.”

5 His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”

6 Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons.

7 Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim.

8 And he said to them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.” So they took it.

1) What does it mean for you personally these days to make up your mind to obey Jesus?

2) How are you doing that these days? What is the next step that the Lord is asking of you to live this out?

Taste the fulfilling life.

9 When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called

the bridegroom

10 and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.”

1) What does it mean to experience the miraculous in your life?

- 2) How have you experienced the miraculous in your life? How would you like to these days?
In the future?

Hope for ONE thing.

11 This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him. 12 After this he went down to Capernaum, with his mother and his brothers and his disciples, and they stayed there for a few days.

- 1) What does it mean to believe in Jesus?
- 2) When did you recognize that believing in Jesus is the key to LIFE? Explain.