

Bible study 3 - John 2 – the glory of God

This study is written for prayerful consideration after listening to the Bible talk:

Share about the people or places or things that you think are outstanding and why:

Discuss if the particular 'glory' these things deserve can be shared by other similar things:

1. old vision - new application...

read John 1.43-51; Genesis 28.10-22

Discuss Jacob's interpretation of his dream and how Jesus reapplies this:

Discuss what the implications might be for Jesus' hearers:

2. old washing - new wine...

read 2.1-11:

What really stands out to you?

Being washed on the outside wasn't enough for the wedding guests, Jesus met their real need. The providing of wine was 'a sign' so the physical detail is less important than the spiritual significance. Discuss the glory of Jesus that this sign reveals (cf 1.14):

3. old temple - new temple...

read 2.12-24

What really stands out to you?

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read Psalm 69.7-36

Discuss Jesus' actions in the Temple including anything that Psalm 69 contributes:

Discuss the difference between popularity based on his miracles and the true basis for giving 'glory' to Jesus (What is **the** sign for believing Jesus?):

3. Summary

In the Old Testament 'wine' can represent both celebration and judgement (i.e. grapes of wrath). Discuss the significance of the image of 'wine' as symbolic of the ministry and death of Jesus:

What do people need more than baptism (ceremonial washing), temples and miracles?

Discuss the externals you might be tempted to trust more than Jesus and what he's done:

These stories begin and end with a focus on 'the third day'. Discuss the implications of **the** 'third day' (vv20-22).

John is sharing why Jesus is outstanding. John says Jesus deserves particular 'glory'. Can this be shared with anyone or anything else? Discuss the glory of Jesus and the everyday implications this holds for you.

4. Pray.