

# **Because God Loves the World**

### **Announcements**

**201 Dream Team Orientation** – Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 pm at all campuses. Get connected and find your place to serve on the Dream Team.

**Small Groups Week of Serving** – November 2<sup>nd</sup>- 9<sup>th</sup>. Gather your group members together and find people in our community that you can serve as a way to practically share the love of God.

**Dream Team Vision Night** – Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Little Creek Campus. Join Pastor Steve and the Dream Team as we worship together and tour our new building in preparation for the **Grand Opening** on November 9/10<sup>th</sup>.

## Warm-up

When you were a kid, what was the most difficult rule for you to follow? Why was it so difficult?

Did you ever learn to obey this difficult rule? What helped you learn to obey?

Today we are going to discuss how God wants to use our obedience to help unleash miracles in our lives.

# **Word and Application**

Do you think most people believe God is still actively doing miracles in our world? Why or why not?

**Read John 2:1-10.** What do the actions of the servants have to do with the miracle Jesus performs?

The servants did not turn the water into wine, but they obeyed Jesus and filled the pots with water. It was Jesus who performed the miracle and turned the water into wine.

After reading this story, what can we learn about our role in experiencing miracles in our lives?

Just like the servants obeyed Jesus, we must obey Jesus and do, "Whatever He says to you" (John 2:5).

Is there a certain miracle you are believing for right now?

For the rest of our discussion today, let's look at three truths of obedience in regards to receiving miracles in our lives.

#### 1) Obedience is measureable.

"Jesus said to them. And they filled them up to the brim." John 2:7

"For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you." Luke 6:38

God is willing and able to work miracles directly related to our obedience. Therefore, we can determine the size of the miracle. Once we have obeyed God it is up to Him to determine the outcome. Our biggest concern needs to be our love and obedience towards him.

Do you find it easy for challenging to walk in full obedience? Why?

What can you do to begin to increase your obedience when it comes to listening to what God is asking you to do?

### 2) Obedience is exciting.

There was nothing exciting or special about the pots of the water with which they were filled. The miracle came and things became exciting when the servants obeyed and Jesus performed the miracle.

What in your ordinary life can God use miraculously? What role do you need to play in experiencing a miracle?

If you want to bring excitement to your life, partner with God by doing what He asks you to do. Your obedience will bring excitement.

### 3) Obedience is key.

Read Psalm 37:4. What does this verse tell us is the key to receiving our miracle?

We must obey God and find our delight in him. When we do this we are positioning ourselves for an exciting life of miraculous living!

What is God asking you to do out of obedience as you are seeking a miracle? What is holding you from living in full obedience to what He has called you to do?

### Prayer

How can we, as a small group, partner with you in believing for your miracle?

Take time to ask for specific prayer requests from those in your small group.