Eastridge Church
Sermon Study Questions

John: As I Have Loved You

Week 4: The Miracle of New

Passage: John 1:51; 2:1-11

Read John 1:51

Jesus makes an incredible claim in this passage. Pastor Dwain highlighted that when people begin to grapple with who Jesus is, the veil between heaven and earth will occasionally become "thin". *What has this looked like in your life or in the lives of other believers that you are close with? How have these experiences changed you?*

Read John 2:1-11

As the passage opens, we see what appears to be a moment of tension between Mary and Jesus. From what Pastor Dwain shared about this moment, *why do you believe that Jesus responded in the way He did? How is Mary's response one of faith and belief? What does it say about Jesus that he responded by performing the miracle he did?*

Although miraculous, this changing of water to wine seems to serve a very immediate and temporary solution to a problem. Pastor Dwain highlighted that this miracle pointed to a deeper transformation that Jesus would bring about, something that Pastor Dwain referred to as "the miracle of new". *What transformation does this miracle point to? Why is it significant that John, the author, puts Jesus right at the center of this transformation? How did Jesus' disciples respond to this miracle in verse 11?*

In closing, the sermon was wrapped up with the following slide:

Final Thought

This week, look for daily celebrations of the miracle of new in your life.

- **That didn't used to happen before I met Jesus.**
- **That's really good, but that's not like me.**
- **That's a new thing Jesus seems to be doing in/for me.**
- **That's happened before, but it sure feels new today.**
- **I have a new appreciation for that person and what they're going through…...**

Practically what might it look like to take on the challenge laid out in these final thoughts? Share with each other and commit to encouraging each other to do it this week.

Close you time in prayer. Praise God for the miracle of new that only Jesus is able to bring about in our lives when we commit ourselves to Him.