

# EAGLE EYE: JESUS BY JOHN

## Signs | Discussion Notes

John tells us the purpose for writing his Gospel in John 20:30-31, it says, "Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."

- What does it mean to 'have life in his name'?
- How does knowing the purpose for John writing his Gospel change the way we read it?

Philip explained that one of the groups John was writing for were sceptics; people like Nathanael who only followed Jesus when he saw a miracle. So the 7 miracles that Jesus performs in John's Gospel all have a message for us to grow in faith. As Philip said, they are called signs which are 'miracles with a message' about who Jesus is.

- Have you experienced a miracle? If so how did it change your faith in Jesus?
- Would you consider yourself a sceptic by nature? If so, is that a challenge for your faith?

One of the 7 signs John tells us about is when Jesus turns water into wine. Read about this together in John 2:1-6. Read through this passage together.

- What did you learn about this passage from the talk that you didn't know before?
- Philip explained that these signs show us 'who Jesus is'. What does this sign show you about Jesus?
- What does the fact that Jesus is at a party tell you about him?
- What does the miracle he performs turning water into wine tell us about Jesus?

Philip also said that signs show us 'what Jesus does'. He transform water into wine just as he transforms everything else.

- Turning water into wine is a sign of the joy that Jesus brings. What in your life do you need transformed to bring joy?
- What does this miracle teach us about what a life of following Jesus should look like?

There are a few things you might want to pray through from this talk; it could be for people who struggle with doubt or it might be for people to experience more of the joy we see in this story. Break into smaller groups and spend some time praying together.