

Ordinary to Extraordinary

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Purpose can take ordinary activities and turn them into something extraordinary. Our purpose as Christians is to point to God's glory in all we do and say.

For

Adult/Couple

Season

Spring

Needed

Bible, willingness to try something new and reflect on something familiar

Prepare in Advance

Mark your Bible at John 2:1-11.



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Activity Plan

1. Say this prayer aloud to begin:

God, your holy Word shapes our faith. Guide our conversation and our actions, and inspire us to have fun with each other as we explore your Word. Amen.

2. Read aloud the following text:

In Christ we were chosen to be God's people, because from the very beginning God had decided this in keeping with his plan. And he is the One who makes everything agree with what he decides and wants. We are the first people who hoped in Christ, and we were chosen so that we would bring praise to God's glory. (Ephesians 1:11-12; New Century Version; Thomas Nelson, Inc.; 2005)

Circle the words that tell what God does. Underline the words that tell what humans do. Who is the focus of God's actions? Who is the focus of human actions?

3. Read aloud John 2:1-11 from your Bible or the text at the end of this activity.
4. Consider together: Why did Jesus perform this miracle? Imagine you had been there and had been able to perform such a miracle. What might have been your motivation to do so? Imagine that a character from a favorite television show had been there and had been able to perform such a miracle. What might have been his or her motivation to do so?
5. Name some ordinary activities you do with or for others during a typical day or week. What would you say are your primary motives for doing these things? What additional motive for these ordinary activities is suggested by Ephesians 1:11-12?
6. Choose one of your ordinary activities with or for others. What might help you align your motive for doing this activity with God's purpose for you: pray before doing this; consider God's will while doing this; speak about God's blessing to others while doing this or afterward; take less credit for the action; or something else?



7. Talk with someone else about what you have learned or experienced when considering motivation in ordinary activities. Affirm the faith expressed by others as they tell about their experiences. Pray that the Spirit will guide you in pointing to God's love and glory in the things you say and do.

John 2:1-11

¹ 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. ³ When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." 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. 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."

¹¹ This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

