

Questions for Conversation

July 21, 2024

The First Sign

John 2:1-12

1. Read the story of the wedding at Cana again. What stands out to you? As you imagine what is happening, where are you? Where is Jesus?
2. *The God of celebration.* What difference does it make that we have a God who celebrates with us? The prophet Isaiah imagined life in the kingdom of God as a wedding feast; what would be a parallel image of communal celebration in our culture today?
3. *The God of mystery.* What is your reaction to the conversation between Jesus and Mary? Have you ever struggled to understand God's timing or response to needs? What questions would be in your mystery bag (what questions do you have for God)?
4. *The God of compassion.* What do you think Mary expected Jesus to do? Why was Jesus moved to act? Is it difficult for you to look at yourself and/or others with eyes of compassion? What might make that easier?
5. *The God of glory.* What is the significance of the six stone jars of water in this story? Are there routines or traditions in your life that might benefit from being filled with new wine? Where have you glimpsed God's glory recently? Where are you longing to feel his power and presence?
6. How can we pray for you?