

Jesus turns water to wine

Read: John 2:1-11

Contextual reading: Mark 7: 1-4; Exodus 4:9; Psalm 104: 14-15

Watch: Video 1, Part 1

Questions

- As you hear about Jesus' message behind the miracle, what does this communicate about who He is and what He has come to do?
- How radical a shift would this have been if you were the disciples and how significant would this change have been?
- What would have been challenging for the disciples to embrace this new subversive spirituality with Jesus without cleansing or ritual?
- Why did the religious leaders at the time of Jesus struggle to understand what this miracle represents?

Watch: Video 1, Part 2

- Jesus brings celebration and joy - but what might be the reason our faith is a cause of guilt or feeling that you aren't "doing enough"?
- What is the difference between being "religious" and being "relational" with Jesus?
- How do we create spaces of celebration and joy in line with what Jesus has come to do?
- Do you find it easy or a struggle to embrace the joy Jesus gives you? What are the reasons for this?
- How can we continue to be diligent, intentional and disciplined in our spiritual practices and rituals that grow our faith and form us without becoming "religious"?