

TRANSFORMATION

As preached on Sunday, January 16th

Read: John 2:1-11

1. Weddings are times of celebration. Think back to the most enjoyable wedding you've attended (other than your own). What made that wedding such a celebration?
2. Verses 1-3 of this week's text set the scene. What is happening? Is there anything notable about where the wedding is held or who is attending?
3. Why do you think Mary notifies Jesus that they had run out of wine? Do you think she was expecting Jesus to perform a miracle? Did she even know he was capable of doing so?
4. What do you make of Jesus' response to his mother? What is he communicating? Why do you suppose he chooses to get involved even though he seems resistant at first?
5. A miracle takes place between verses 7 and 8, yet nothing spectacular is described. Why is this? Do you think this might be a picture of the quiet miracles God performs in our lives today?
6. The master of the banquet is very excited about the "choice wine" that he is served, though he has no idea where it has come from. What can we learn from Jesus' generosity and from the master's response?
7. We're told in v.11 that this is the first of the signs through which Jesus will reveal his glory. What is the significance of water turned into wine?
8. What is God teaching you about his transforming power through this week's text? How will you respond?