

Small Group Questions

April 28, 2024

He Said What? "I'm the Final Temple"

This series will take us from the middle of February through to Easter on March 31st. There are passages in the Old and New Testaments that take place on mountains with varying stories and applications. Each week will examine one of those encounters and seek to understand the relevance to our lives. Each encounter teaches a vital lesson about the character and nature of God. Each also teaches about the practicality and action-oriented nature of faith.

(Questions to get everyone to participate)

1. How are you at keeping your room/apartment/house clean?
2. What guest would cause you to get busy and clean house? i.e. the "boss;" celebrity; in-laws; pastor; close friend; neighbor, etc.?

(Questions based on the primary texts)

Read John 2:12-22.

1. Who are the different people that are with Jesus in the passage? How does the author describe what happened in the temple, i.e. how do the disciples respond and how do the Jewish leaders respond?
2. What information or insights does the author give us that the disciples would not have known when these events took place? How hard would it have been in the moment to know what Jesus was talking about?
3. Selling animals for the Passover sacrifices was legal and provided a service. Why do you think Jesus gets mad on this occasion?
4. Is anger a sin? If not, when is it acceptable to be angry?
5. God no longer dwells in a building, but rather in the hearts of people who have put faith/trust in Him – entered a relationship. God, the Holy Spirit, indwells His people as God's temple (I Cor. 3:16). What implications does that have for things we do with our bodies and minds? How can we honor God with our bodies?
6. In :17 it quotes a Psalm predicting Jesus' "zeal" for God's house and all that it means. On a scale of 1-10, where is your zeal-level for the things of God?
7. What are some practical ways to increase our passion for the things of God? What are some of the ways our passion gets reduced?
8. What is one application you can make this week to live-out the reality of this passage?