

Becoming a Prayer-Full Church



Episode 4: How Jesus really felt about Praying

PRAYER:

"Holy Spirit, open the scriptures to me today. And then open my heart to receive your word. Help me to know your desire, and then deposit your desire in my heart. Amen."

JOHN 2.13-17

"When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. So, he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!" His disciples remembered that it is written (in Psalm 69): "Zeal for your house will consume me."

MARK 11.15-18

"On reaching Jerusalem, Jesus entered the temple courts and began driving out those who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves and would not allow anyone to carry merchandise through the temple courts.

And as he taught them, he said, "Is it not written (Isaiah 56.7, Jeremiah 7.11): 'My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations'?" But you have made it a den of robbers.'" The chief priests and the teachers of the law heard this and began looking for a way to kill him, for they feared him, because the whole crowd was amazed at his teaching."

- Jesus is _____.
- Jesus _____ over the _____ of praying that was to characterize his Father's house.

Table Talk

(Share your responses with another to get full impact.)

- What is something new you learned today?
- What did you agree or disagree with and why?
- Is there anything Jesus needs to drive out of your life so you can be a prayer-FULL Christian? If so, what?

- And what about our church?