



## Small Group Study Questions

Sermon on September 24th, 2023 - Week 2

### John 2:13-25 (NASB)

13 The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14 And within the temple grounds He found those who were selling oxen, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. 15 And He made a whip of cords, and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and the oxen; and He poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables; 16 and to those who were selling the doves He said, "Take these things away from here; stop making My Father's house a place of business!" 17 His disciples remembered that it was written: "Zeal for Your house will consume me." 18 The Jews then said to Him, "What sign do You show us as your authority for doing these things?" 19 Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." 20 The Jews then said, "It took forty-six years to build this temple, and yet You will raise it up in three days?" 21 But He was speaking about the temple of His body. 22 So when He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He said this; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had spoken.

23 Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name as they observed His signs which He was doing. 24 But Jesus, on His part, was not entrusting Himself to them, because He knew all people, 25 and because He did not need anyone to testify about mankind, for He Himself knew what was in mankind.

## DIGGING DEEPER

From last week's discussion, did you invest and/or invite anyone new in your sphere of influence this week?

What is a view of Jesus that you had when you were younger spiritually, but realized later was a little skewed?

### **Read John 2:13-17**

What motivated Jesus to take such drastic action? Was it warranted?

What would a modern-day example of the selling of oxen, sheep, and doves be in the church today?

What does it mean to have a zeal for the things of God, and how can we apply this concept in our lives today?

### **Read John 2:18-22**

How do the reactions of Jesus' disciples in John 2:17 contrast with the reactions of the religious leaders? What can we learn from their responses?

What can be applicable to our lives from verse 22?

## DIGGING DEEPER

### Read John 2:23-25

Jesus did many signs revealing who he was. Why did some of the people believe, but not the religious leaders in verse 20?

How does this episode in the temple set the stage for Jesus' ministry and the opposition He would face from the religious authorities?

Are there any reasons why Jesus wouldn't "entrust" himself to them? Does that encourage or discourage you?

## TAKING IT HOME

## PRAYER REQUEST

