



Message Devotional & Discussion Questions

4/28/2024

MESSAGE: Clear The Temple

WEEK# 1

SERIES: Jesus Story: Hurts, Healings,

COMMUNICATOR: Pastor Jared McKinney

CHECKIN' IN: How is your week? What was one of the highlights? Share wins (things God did that moved his mission forward and you closer to Jesus). What did you put into practice from last week's Devotional & Discussion?

THINK, DISCUSS, LIVE: These questions work well individually or in a group setting to encourage spiritual growth, engage in biblical community and live it in the world around you.

1. Growing up who did you admire and tried to emulate or be like? (A movie or T.V. star. Rock star, athlete, older sibling, other). What were some things you did to imitate this person?
2. The Passover was a reminder of what God did for the Jewish nation and those who would celebrate what God did. What is a reminder for you of the favor of God over your life? What reminds you of His great love and acceptance of you?
3. Paul tells us in Ephesians 5:1-2 to be imitators of God in everything you do, especially in loving people. Discuss specific ways you can love other people. Bonus: How will you love those in your life who are difficult to love?
4. Read John 2:14-16. What are some things that distract you from pursuing God regularly or intimately? I.e. Social media, hobbies, politics, work, T.V., laziness, or something else?
5. What is your intentional place or posture of worship to meet with God? What do you do to prepare your heart for an encounter with God? What does your time with God look like?
6. In light of the previously read Scripture: What life "tables do you need to turn over"? How will you remove the noise so that you can better worship Jesus with your life? How can making these life changes towards better worship affect your typical life rhythm?
7. Read John 2:17 Is there something in your relationship with Jesus that you are most passionate about? What is it? Why is it such a driver for you?
8. The people were doing "all the things" that good religious people were supposed to do: Go to temple, sacrifice animals, meticulously keep the sabbath, not kill anyone, etc., but they missed what was most important. Read Matthew 22:37-39. According to this Scripture what is most important? How do you interpret this passage in today's culture? What could it look like in a way that honors God and as an expression of worship?
9. What are some ways you can enhance your worship of God this week? Try to be very specific. Who can join you in your worship? Who can you encourage to up their spiritual worship this week?



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10. **TRUTH DEMANDS A RESPONSE!** What is one action step you will take this week in response to our discussion or nudge from the Holy Spirit? Be specific.

2024 TRANSFORMATION CHALLENGE: We have created some resources to help you grow. Check out the *Experience God* page. Go to canvas.church/experience-god or *Experience God* on the Canvas App., read the "Make Me Better" section, start a new discipline, try a new Bible engagement tool, or help someone go further on their faith journey. Let us know how it's going.

INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP PRAYER OPTIONS:

Challenge yourself and or your group to pray out loud. It may just be a sentence or two of something you thank God for, or ask God to bless and answer someone's prayer request.

1. We pray because we believe God can and will answer our prayers.
 2. We pray for each other out of obedience to God and out of love for each other.
 3. We pray out loud for each other so everyone will be blessed and encouraged.
- **Prayer Question:** "What's going on in our lives that we can involve Jesus?"
 - **Ask:** What was one praise and one challenge you experienced this week? Celebrate the praises and pray for the challenges.
 - **Ask** if anyone has a need or knows of a need, you can also offer "unspoken" prayer requests.
 - **Pray for the person on your right, it can be out loud or in silence,** if in silence nudge the person next to you letting them know you are done.
 - **Prayer Clusters:** Groups of two or three (by gender) and share your week together. Pray together and for each other. Send them a text, or leave a message letting them know you have prayed for them this week.
 - **Have someone in your group keep an active list of the requests and the answers for both the updates and to celebrate the answers.**

Are you interested in the Bible and in helping Life Groups benefit from the weekend message? We have a team for you! Canvas members like you create these discussion guides each week. If you are interested in joining the team, please email rickz@canvas.church