

Study Guide: John 2:13-25

This guide is designed to help you engage deeply with the themes discussed in the sermon, reflect on the biblical text, and apply the message to your life. Use the questions to guide your study this week, and consider how the insights gained can influence your walk with Christ and your interactions with others.

Reading

- John 2:13-25
- Genesis 3 (for reference on God's emotions)
- Exodus 32:1-14 (for reference on God's anger)

Warm Up

- Reflect on a time when you felt strong emotions. How did you handle them?
- How do you currently understand the emotions of God as depicted in the Bible?
- In your daily life, what situations most often trigger strong emotional responses?

Scripture Exploration

- Read John 2:13-25. What actions did Jesus take in the temple, and why?
- How does the Gospel of John portray the emotions of Jesus compared to the other Gospels?
- Examine the context of the Passover festival. Why was it significant that Jesus chose this time to act?

Personal Reflection

- How does understanding Jesus' emotions challenge or change your view of Him?
- Compare Jesus' actions in the temple with God's emotions in Genesis 3 and Exodus 32. What similarities or differences do you notice?
- What does Jesus' response in the temple teach us about righteous anger and its purpose?

Personal Application

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- Consider your own emotional responses. How can you ensure they align more closely with righteous action as modeled by Jesus?
- Identify a situation in your family, friend group, workplace, or community where you feel called to speak up or act. How can you channel your emotions constructively to make a positive impact?
- Take a few minutes to develop a plan to create more space this week for those who are "outsiders" or far from God. What practical steps can you take to welcome them?
- Reflect on a personal or communal practice that might unintentionally exclude others. How can you adjust it to be more inclusive?