

Are you wondering what it means to be a Christian?

Jesus said, "All that the Father gives me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will never drive away" (John 6:37). Jesus also said, "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:44).

If you are feeling drawn to Christ, it is because God the Father is drawing you; it is not a desire we can or will create within ourselves. This also means that there is no sin too great to be forgiven, and no past too sinful to be overcome. You can trust Christ to receive you because it is God the Father who is drawing you to find true repentance and receive the gift of faith. You can know a new life in Jesus Christ.

We would love to talk and pray with you about this or any other spiritual needs you may have. Please see Pastor Mark or one of our elders after today's service to do so.

Are you interested in Baptism or Church Membership?

Please indicate your interest on the back of your Connection Card and Pastor Mark or one of the elders will be in touch with you this week to set up a time to meet with you.

JESUS CLEANS HOUSE

John 2:12-25

Main Thought: In John 2:12-25, we discover that Jesus, in His body, fulfills and replaces the physical temple and that has implications for our lives as followers of Christ.

1. JESUS CLEARS THE _____. (vv 12-17)
 - 1) The setting – the temple courts during Passover
 - 2) The _____.
 - (1) _____ being sold.
 - (2) _____ being exchanged.
 - (3) Jesus drives out the _____.
2. JESUS _____ THE TEMPLE. (vv 18-22)
 - 1) The Jewish leaders question Jesus' _____ and ask for a sign.
 - 2) Jesus gives them a sign: "_____ this temple, and I will raise it again in three days." He was talking about His body.
 - 3) The Jewish leaders _____.
 - 4) Jesus, in His body, fulfills and _____ the physical temple.
 - 5) We are now a temple of the _____ and being built into the spiritual temple of God. (1 Cor. 6:19; Eph. 2:22; 1 Pet. 2:5)
3. A WORD ABOUT INADEQUATE _____. (vv 23-25)

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS

1. Read John 2:12-25 and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal God's truth to you as you read.

2. Where is Capernaum? What is the significance of that city?

3. What is the festival of Passover all about?
(See Exodus 12)

4. Why would Passover bring many people to Jerusalem?

5. Why were people selling animals and exchanging money in the temple courts?

6. Why did this upset Jesus? What did he do about it?

7. What did Jesus' disciples say in response? What's the context of their quote? (See Psalm 69)

8. How did the Jewish leaders respond? What exactly do you think they wanted?

9. How did Jesus respond to their question?

10. How does Jesus in His person and body fulfill and replace the physical temple?

11. Where is the temple of God now? (See 1 Cor. 6:9; Eph. 2:22; 1 Peter 2:5)

12. How do we function as the temple of God?

13. What do you make of verses 23-25? What point is Jesus making?

14. How will you apply these verses in your life this week?