



Consumed with Zeal for God's House  
John 12:13-25  
Growth Group Questions  
Week of August 12, 2018



Read John 2:13-25 together and observe as many things as you can about the passage that intrigue you or that you have questions about. Amongst your group start with your questions and then move on to answering the following with concrete evidence from the text or supporting texts to the best of your ability.

**Interpretative Biblical Questions on John 2:13-25:**

1. What is Passover? Use as much Scripture as possible to answer the question. Google is encouraged.
2. What is the purpose of the Temple? Who built the first Temple and why? Use as much Scripture as possible to answer the question. Again, Google is encouraged.
3. What is the Big Idea, the main point, to Jesus cleaning out the Temple? What is the author John trying to communicate?
4. Read John 14:23-25, 1 Corinthians 3:16-17, 6:19-20, Romans 12:1-2 and discuss what it means that our bodies are the Temple of God.

**Life Application Questions:**

1. Jesus demonstrates zeal for the worship of God to the point of a physical cleansing of the Temple. In what ways have you relaxed your reverence for God and allowed convenience to penetrate your Christian life?
2. How does God's Temple, residing in your body through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, need to be cleansed today? In what ways can this group pray and/or encourage you in this?

**Apologetic Hypothetical Questions on John 2:13-25:**

1. A biblical critic makes the following comment concerning your passage, "You cannot trust the Bible as a historical document, for even the gospels do not agree on when Jesus cleansed the Temple. John puts it at the beginning while others have put it at the end; this inconsistency is just one of many in Scripture."
2. Upon hearing you discuss your Sunday service, a co-worker says, "Passover, that's the feast where they sacrifice all the animals, right? How can you believe that killing an animal forgives sin? Isn't that such a cruel and primitive conception?"