

# GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

## All the Feels

Week of March 8, 2020

**Week 2: Anger (Jeff Griffin, Senior Pastor)**

**Text: Matthew 21:12-13**

In this series, we are following Jesus during the last week of His earthly ministry and observing His display of emotion. This week we observed His anger as He cleansed the temple. His anger was fueled by zeal for the holiness of God's house. We must develop a similar zeal!

**Kicking it off:** Which task involved in house cleaning do you enjoy the most (or hate the least)?

### Discussion:

1. Reread *Matthew 21:12* Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves.

Jesus is demonstrating "holy anger." What is the difference between "holy anger" and "unholy anger?"

2. Reread *Matthew 21:13* "It is written," he said to them, "My house will be called a house of prayer, but you are making it a den of robbers."

Why does Jesus seem to be more bothered by robbery occurring in the temple than robbery occurring elsewhere?

3. Reread the disciple's reaction to Jesus' holy anger found in *John 2:17* His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me."

What is zeal? Do you have it?

4. Paul reminds us that Christians are Spirit-filled and, consequently, they are the house (temple) of God. Reread Paul's application of this fact found in *2 Corinthians 7:1* "Let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God."

What is the "holiness" mentioned in this verse?

5. Why do many Christians lack a passion to grow in "holiness?"

6. In what specific way do you want to become more "Christ-like?"

7. How would you counsel someone looking for guidance on how to become more patient with their children?

**Wrapping It Up:** Pray that God would help you to long for what He longs for. Pray that Christ's dream would be fulfilled in your life.