

Sermon Study Guide – March 3rd, 2024

"Rethinking Passion for Worship"

1) Thoughts to get you started...

- ◆ What does worship mean to you? Why do you come to worship on a Sunday morning? How passionate is your worship?
- ◆ What word would you use to describe worship? Is it all about desire or joy? Are there times it feels like it has to do more with obligation or requirement?

2) Today's Message: John 2:13-22

¹³ When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. ¹⁵ So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!" ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸ The Jews then responded to him, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?" ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days." ²⁰ They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" ²¹ But the temple he had spoken of was his body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

3) What does God want you to hear today?

Throughout the sermon, consider...

How does today's sermon show you your sin? (i.e. What's the law?)

How does today's sermon show your Savior? (i.e. What's the gospel?)

Law:

Gospel:



Answer the following questions if it helps you follow the sermon...

1. What event was happening in our sermon text? Why was it significant?
2. Why would the activity in the temple courts not have seemed too unusual? Yet, what was wrong with it?
3. Why would it be inaccurate to describe Jesus' actions as "a fit of rage"? How did his passion differ from those around him?
4. How does God want us to "rethink passion for worship" today?
(*Hint: answer both in terms of our shortcomings, and what worship provides.*)
5. How does Jesus provide us with something different than what we find in any other kind of worship or church?
6. How can we help others "rethink passion for worship"?

4) Taking it Home:

Read these sections of the Bible to reinforce this week's truths:

Monday: *review* Ex. 20:1-17, 1 Cor. 1:18-25 **Thursday:** Psalm 69

Tuesday: Hebrews 4

Friday: *review* John 2:13-22

Wednesday: Hebrews 10

Saturday: Matthew 21:12-46