

GROWTH GROUP DISCUSSION

CONNECT

What is the biggest “surprise” you have ever experienced? Share it!

LEARN & APPLY

Read Isaiah 56:1-7; Jeremiah 7:1-11

What is being said about the Temple? What about those considered “outsiders?” Share what you hear God saying in these two scriptures.

How do you think these passages relate to the Church today?

Read Matthew 21:12-27

How do Jesus’ actions in the Temple reflect God’s desires expressed through Isaiah and Jeremiah?

The fig tree and was a common symbol of Israel. How does this shape your understanding of Jesus’ actions?

Why do you think Jesus chose not to answer the religious leaders’ questions? How is John the Baptist an important part of this interaction?

How have you experienced Jesus “turning the tables” in your life? How is he actively challenging you as his disciple today?

PRAY

Lord Jesus, you are our King and rescuer. Help us to trust you when life feels overwhelming and to obey you when you call us to action. Strengthen us by your Holy Spirit when our faith seems frail. Give us eyes to see the people around us as worthy of your love and forgiveness just as you have loved and forgiven each of us. May it all be for your glory, Jesus! Amen.

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