

The Heart of the Matter

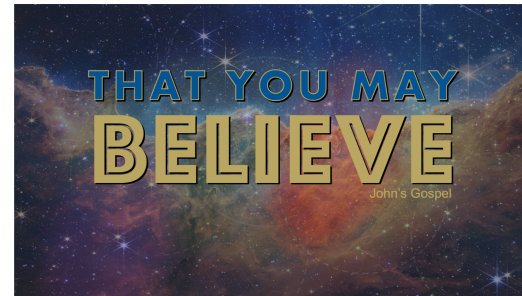
12. When do you long to be in God's presence the most? What are the distractions that keep you from worshipping God?

13. Just as the Jews periodically celebrated God's work in their lives, how do you continually celebrate God's work in your own life?

14. If you could compare your spiritual life to the rooms of a house, which room(s) do you think Jesus might want to clean up?

15. What helps you the most to remember all that God has to say? What area of Jesus' life encourages your faith and your belief the most?

Praises and Prayer Requests:



Life Group Study Guide

Longing For His Presence John 2:12-22 For the Week of June 25, 2023

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
2. What room in your house is the cleanest? Dirtiest?
3. What is something that makes you really angry? What do you do to finally simmer down?

Digging Deeper

4. In verses 12-13, after Jesus spent some time with His family and disciples, why was it important for Him to go up to Jerusalem to observe the Passover celebration? (Exodus 12:1-14)

5. What did Jesus find was going on at the temple in verse 14? Why did what He saw bother Him so much?

6. The sellers and money-changers were set up to provide sacrificial animals for sale at the Temple as a help to Jews from far away. How might this once useful practice have deteriorated into a racket? Why else was Jesus upset? (Psalm 69:6)

7. In verses 15-16 Jesus lashes out at all those who had turned God's Temple into a marketplace in no uncertain terms. How do you think the sellers and money-changers responded to Jesus' actions? His disciples? The religious authorities?

8. In verse 17, what is meant by the phrase, "Zeal for your house will consume me?" What was really at the bottom of all of this for Jesus?

9. In verse 18, how was Jesus challenged for His actions? Why? How did Jesus respond in verse 19?

10. From verse 20, how did the Jews interpret what Jesus had said in verse 19? How does John clarify the situation with his thoughts recorded in verse 21?

11. From verse 22, what did it take for Jesus' disciples to finally understand what had happened at the beginning of Jesus' ministry here in this passage?