



## **Week 2**

**Text:** John 2:13–25

**Topic(s):** Temple, Obedience, Sin, Resurrection

**Big Idea of the Message:** Jesus disrupts the activities of the Court of the Gentiles to show that just going through the motions of worship isn't enough.

**Application Point:** Disrupting the temple set the stage for the cross, and it also pointed to the need for people to have a genuine change of heart if they are to have a relationship with God.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. What is one thing you love about worship?
3. What is one thing you would say is essential to worship? What makes it essential?
4. Read John 2:13–25. The temple was literally the “house of God” for Israel (see 1 Kings 6:11–13; 8:14–22). When Jesus came in and disrupted the activities there, it would have been shocking. How do you think you would have reacted to Jesus's actions? Why?
5. If Jesus were here in the flesh, what do you think he would rebuke and remove from our idea of church?
6. How dependent is our idea of God on things like church buildings, denominations, and traditions? When are these good things? When can they be barriers to true worship or care for those God loves? How do we make sure that we are open to God reforming our ideas of his church?
7. How can we pray for you?