

## Sermon Discussion Guide

Unrecognized King: Week 5

### Prayer

Take a few moments at the beginning and end of your group time to pray for each other and for your discussion in God's Word.

### Read

John 2:13-22

### Main Ideas

In this passage, Jesus- angered by the corruption of the temple- drives out those who are using His place of worship to take advantage of other people. Jesus then compares Himself to the temple, declaring that He will "raise it again in three days"- in other words, that in Christ, we have access to the presence of God.

### Discussion Questions

1. What did you learn in this sermon about the purpose and place of the temple during the life of Jesus?
2. What about the activities going on in the temple makes Jesus so upset in this story?
  - a. Who, specifically, would have been hurt by this injustice the most?
  - b. What might the 2024 version of this story look like?
  - c. What types of things hurt the heart of God the most?
3. What does Jesus mean when He compares Himself to the temple?
4. Is the idea of having constant access to God through Christ intimidating to you? Exciting? Confusing?
  - a. What practices have you found most helpful to connect with the presence of God?
5. As a group, read 1 Cor. 6:12-20.
  - a. Given what we have learned from this story in John 2, what is the significance of your body being a temple?
  - b. How can our bodies show people what God is like, just like the temple was supposed to in this story?
  - c. How might this change the way you think about or treat your body?