

1. What's been your experience in keeping a tidy living space? Describe the things that work against that space remaining as you desire.
2. Read John 2:12–14. What is the scenario in Jerusalem that Jesus encounters in these verses? Why is this such a violation of his values?
3. Read John 2:15–17. Why does Jesus react the way that he does? How does this conflict with how many of us like to typically think about Jesus? Why were his actions justified?
4. Read Psalm 69:9. Why was Jesus (and David) “consumed” with God’s house?
5. Read John 2:18–20. What does the question of the Jews have to do with authority? Why is Jesus’ response so wise?
6. Read John 2:21–22. What do the disciples remember upon Jesus’ resurrection? Why is it significant that John describes the temple as Jesus’ body in v21? What implications does that have for today’s church?
7. Read John 2:23–25. Why do you think John includes this passage in its current location? Why do people tend to fixate on signs more than a Savior? How can the church resist this fixation and honor what’s been made available to us, now through Christ? How can you do that personally?