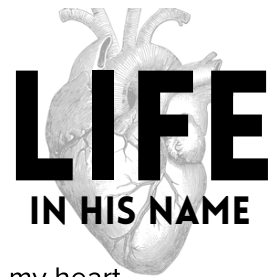


GROWTH GUIDE

Worship God's Way | John 2:13-25

Week of 10/8/2023



SERMON OUTLINE

Big Idea: A proper submission to Jesus's authority in my life produces a proper worship in my heart.

- 1) Submitting to Jesus takes the focus off of me. John 2:13-17
- 2) Submitting to Jesus puts the focus on him. John 2:18-22
- 3) Submitting to Jesus changes my heart. John 2:23-25

GROUP DISCUSSION

1) Looking back at the passage, what stood out to you, was helpful, or challenged you? What questions do you have?

2) Check for understanding: Why were people selling animals and changing money in the temple? What about that made Jesus angry? What can we learn from Jesus's example?

3) We're really good at worshipping, but what other things do we often spend our time worshipping? Be more specific than, "me". Why are we so inclined to pursue these idols rather than God who we know to be perfectly loving, good, just, etc.? Based on that answer, what can we do to make these idols less appealing?

4) In John 2:13-17, Jesus cleanses the temple because other things in the temple were more important than worship. How can we ensure that our lives and our church prioritizes worship over other distractions or priorities? What can we do in our own lives to demonstrate we prioritize worship over these other things?

5) Jesus was perfect (1 John 3:5), yet it's hard to imagine him whipping animals and flipping tables without being angry. Is anger always a sin? If not, when is it not? Support your answer with Scripture.

BREAKOUT DISCUSSION

1) Where in your life do you need greater submission to Jesus for your heart to change?

2) In what ways have you experienced a change of heart as you've grown in your relationship with Christ?

POINTS FOR PRAYER

- Help us to have zeal for your house.
- I have seen the abundance of your steadfast love when... (Psalm 69:13)
- Maintain and increase our church's focus on you.

