

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Christlike Passion
The Gospel of Mark - Week 53

ICEBREAKER: What are you passionate about?

OVERVIEW: As imitators of Christ we need to be passionate about the things that Jesus is passionate about. What was He passionate about? Keeping the temple clean for worship. For us that means we need to be passionate about keeping our lives clean for worship, because each one of us is the temple of God. In this study we will get personal as we think about applying Sunday's sermon to our lives.

1. **Read Mark 11:12-19.** What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. In the cursing of the fig tree and the cleansing of the temple, did Jesus lose His temper and overreact? Explain.
3. Read John 4:23-24.
 - a. What does it mean to worship God in spirit and truth?
 - b. How do you need to grow to better worship God in spirit and truth?

4. Read Romans 12:1.
 - a. What does it mean to "present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God?"
 - b. How do you need to grow to better live out this verse?
 - c. Is worship something done at church (or in a personal quiet time), or is it a lifestyle (a constant way of life)? Explain.
5. Read 1 Corinthians 6:19-20.
 - a. What does this verse teach about God?
 - a. What does this verse teach about who you are, and about how you should live?
6. Read 2 Corinthians 7:1. Just as Jesus cleaned the temple for worship, we must keep our lives clean for worship. Do you need to remove anything in your life that isn't worshipful? Explain.
7. Do you need to remove any distractions from your life that are stealing your time and energy for worship?

The Last Word: If you're not careful you can fill your life up with so many good activities that you don't have time and energy for worship.