

Angry Jesus – Disrupting
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Small Group Discussion Questions

The anger of Jesus is nothing like the anger you and I experience

*What differences have you noticed in the hows and whys of Jesus' anger compared to our own?

There is something about God that is so disruptive

He loves us so much, but that love does not mean he is interested in maintaining the status quo in our lives.

*How has your life been turned upside down by Jesus?

Read and discuss

Matthew 21:12 - 17 (ESV)

¹² And Jesus entered the temple^(a) and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. ¹³ He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you make it a den of robbers."

¹⁴ And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. ¹⁵ But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant, ¹⁶ and they said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read,

*"'Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies
you have prepared praise?'"*

¹⁷ And leaving them, he went out of the city to Bethany and lodged there.

*Who or what was Jesus angry about in the passage? Who or what was he not angry at?

*What are the implications of Jesus' anger for us?

God was not just for certain people – but for everyone

Jesus' ways of including all people resulted in a lot of conflict with religious leaders.

*Who is still systematically excluded in the church or in society?

*How would it be disruptive to make God accessible to all people?

We, the people of God, ARE his temple

Because of that amazing identity, we need to constantly ask who's missing at the table. Even in our brokenness, we just might be what makes the gospel come alive for someone.

*Who are you tempted to ignore or avoid because you don't like their struggles?

*Are there ways you are trying to sanitize your struggles? How could that very thing help someone find a seat at the table?

When access to God is limited, He starts overturning tables

At Pulpit Rock, want to be the temple of God, looking for people missing from His table.

*What is a way you can disrupt the status quo of this world and flip some tables?

*What table flipping stories do you see around you?