



Easter 2024

Discussion Group after April 20, 2024
“Jesus Clears the Temple” Mark 11

Reading Together:

Read the original text (on the reverse side) together as a group. As you read, consider how your attitude or perspective shifted from the first time you heard this story until now.

Sharing with the Group:

1. How has your perspective on this story changed throughout your life? If this past weekend was your first time hearing this story, how did it change in the time from when it was read to now?
2. What did you feel during this sermon and church service? Whether it was during the music, the history in the sermon, the reflection video with your hand on your heart, what part of the sermon meant something to you (or didn't mean anything to you)?
3. Craig told a story about how he was the recipient of inexplicable grace from a ski patroller at Mammoth Mountain. When was one time you received inexplicable grace from another human being?
4. This next part requires each of you to brag a little, but this bragging, in its best form, is recognizing how we are all capable of inexplicable grace. So, when was a time you gave inexplicable grace to another?
5. What can you do in this coming week to grow in confidence of who God created you to be?

Mark 11:15-18

Then they went on to Jerusalem. Jesus entered the Temple and began driving out those engaged in selling and buying. He overturned the money changers' tables and the stalls of those selling doves; moreover, he would not permit anyone to carry goods through the Temple area.

Then he began to teach them: "Doesn't scripture say, 'My house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples'? But you have turned it into a den of thieves!"

The chief priests and the religious scholars heard about this and began looking for a way to destroy him. At the same time, they were fearful because the whole crowd was under the spell of his teaching.