

GROWTH GROUP QUESTIONS WEEK OF MAR 18 2018
MARK 11:15-19 J. Richards
CLEANING HOUSE

Take a little time to review this week's sermon. Using your sermon notes and your Bible, answer the following questions before the group meeting. Write out your answers so you'll feel more comfortable sharing them with the group. Have a great time!

I. Getting to Know You

How did you experience God working in your life this week? How can we pray for you?

II. Digging Deeper

1. Compare the accounts of the temple cleansing in Matthew 21:12-17 and Luke 19:45-48 with Mark 11:15-19. List all the details you can gather from the three accounts.
2. What do you think "house of prayer" means (Mark 11:17)?
3. How could things at the temple have deteriorated so badly with no one apparently noticing or caring?

4. Was it fair for Jesus to cast out the buyers also (verse 15)? Weren't they victims?

5. What does the priests and scribes' response reveal about them (verse 18)?

III. Making it Personal

6. What do you expect for church and worship services? Do your expectations reflect a right understanding of the purpose of church?
7. How can churches maintain the balance between addressing congregants' real needs and not yielding to corruption of their main purpose?
8. What do you think Jesus would take issue with at Mountain Stream (be honest 😊)?

IV. Prayer