

## QUESTIONS FOR SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION AND PERSONAL REFLECTION:

- 1. Read the story once out loud as a group (John 2:13-25). Now try to describe the scene as if you were one of the characters. What would you say if you were a merchant selling animals or changing currency, or a worshiper buying animals or trying to exchange currency, or if you were among the leaders responsible for the function of the Temple systems?
- 2. How do you react to this confrontational side of Jesus? Are you inspired, nervous, confused, unsettled, etc.
- 3. Verse 22 says that the disciples understood this moment after Jesus was raised from the dead (a couple years later!). Have you ever understood something in the Bible, or something God was doing in your life, only later after other experiences? Share with your group.
- 4. Prayer: Jesus doesn't advocate for reform of the Temple. He offers the deeper hope of death and resurrection instead. Is there an area of your life or heart that needs reform but seems resistant to your own efforts to change? In your prayers together, release control of this area, and invite God to do his work of putting old things to death and raising up new life in you.

## DAILY WORSHIP - BIBLE READINGS:

## NICODEMUS

Jan. 23 | John 3:1-21 Jan. 24 | Romans 6:1-7 Jan. 25 | John 3:22-30 Jan. 26 | John 3:31-36

Jan. 27 | Matthew 11:2-6 Jan. 28 | Matthew 11:7-15 Jan. 29 | Matthew 11:16-19