

John 2:16 | An encounter with the temple traders

Study Questions from 03.11.2019 sermon

Introduction

- i. Read John 2:13—17
- ii. Imagine you were one of Jesus' disciples and you were there when he cleared the temple. How would you have felt? What thoughts would have gone through your mind?

Why the zeal?

- iii. How was the location of the traders and currency exchangers an important factor in why Jesus drove them from the temple?
- iv. Look at v17. What exactly was Jesus zealous for? Use Isaiah 56:7 to answer the question.

Prevention

- v. What were the temple vendors preventing and how were they preventing it (use the 'Head—Heart—Hands' model* from the sermon)?
- vi. Discuss how we may prevent or hinder prayer—consider both individual and group prayer.

Cure

- vii. Explore how can we enable prayer using the Head—Heart—Hands model.

***Head:** our thinking; **Heart:** our hidden, innermost self, where our deepest hopes, desires, commitments and loves are found; **Hands:** our doing: what we do/say/how behave.