WOODVALE
PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Connect Group Sermon Aligned Notes

Sermon Title: The Day Jesus Got Mad
Key Scripture: Mark 11:15-17; Isaiah 56:6-7; Hebrews 4:16
Recorded Sermon: www.woodvale.ca/pastservices/the-day-jesus-got-mad
Date + Speaker: March 10, 2024; Pastor Mark Scarr

The BIG IDEA: The veil is torn, and we can go confidently into the holy of holies to meet with God in His house of prayer.

Starter Question:

1. Have you ever heard your parents use a variation of the phrase "my house, my rules" Do you remember what rule you broke?

2. When was the last time you got mad? Do you think Jesus would have been mad in the same situation?

Discussion Questions to Review (observation):

2. Read Mark 11:15 Why did Jesus get mad? Was His anger justified or could He have used another method to show His displeasure?

3. Read Mark 11:16, 17 What is God's rule for His house? How did the merchants break the rule? Do you think they discounted the outer court of Gentiles as part of the true temple/house of God?

4. Read Isaiah 56:6, 7 How do you think the Gentiles felt after reading this Scripture and comparing it to the reality they faced in Jerusalem during Passover?

Discussion Questions for Digging Deeper (interpretation and application)

5. Read Mark 11:15-17 In what instances have you seen or heard about the church taking advantage of the vulnerable (children, women, new believers, etc.)? Was the rest of the church passive in those scenarios or was a stand taken against the sin/injustice?

6. Do you find it is easier to get angry over personal insults and petty irritations instead of over sin and social injustice? Why or why not?

7. Read Isaiah 56:6, 7 What ways do you think believers can hinder non-believers and new believers from experiencing joy in the house of the Lord? What concrete efforts can believers and the church take to prevent that from happening?

8. Read Hebrews 4:16 How do we approach God in our prayer life boldly while still having reverence for God?

Additional Prayer Point: Pray that the church will be a welcoming house of prayer and will not become a source of frustration to new and non-believers in the process of seeking the presence of God.