



Discussion Questions: John 2:13-25

HOUSE GROUPS

In John 2:13–25, Jesus enters the temple and exposes the corruption of empty religion, declaring His authority as the Son over His Father's house. He then points beyond the physical temple to Himself, revealing that through His death and resurrection He is the true meeting place between God and humanity, while exposing the difference between superficial belief and genuine faith.

1. Have you ever walked into a room, office, or garage and immediately realized it needed to be cleaned out or reorganized? What prompted you to finally "clean house"?

Jesus Confronts Corrupted Worship (John 2:13–17)

2. Why was Jesus in Jerusalem during Passover, and why is it significant that John places this event during the Feast of Unleavened Bread?

3. Jesus found merchants and money changers in the temple. What problem was Jesus addressing? Was He condemning commerce itself, or something deeper?

4. Sunday's message pointed out that what was intended to facilitate worship had displaced worship. Where do you see that danger in churches—or even in your own walk with Christ?

5. Jesus called the temple "My Father's house." What does that statement reveal about His identity and His authority?

6. Verse 17 says the disciples remembered, "Zeal for Your house has consumed Me." What does Christ's zeal teach us about God's holiness and the kind of worship He desires?

Jesus Declares Himself the True Temple (John 2:18–22)

7. Why did the religious leaders demand a sign after Jesus cleansed the temple? What does their response reveal about their hearts?

8. Jesus answered, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." Why did they misunderstand Him, and what was Jesus actually referring to?

9. Sunday's message explained that Jesus fulfills everything the temple represented. Which of these truths encourages you the most?

- God's presence
- The final sacrifice for sin
- Access to the Father
- Complete forgiveness
- Why?

10. Verse 22 says the disciples understood Jesus' words after His resurrection. What does this teach us about spiritual growth and the importance of patiently trusting God's Word, even when we don't fully understand it yet?

Jesus Knows Every Heart (John 2:23–25)

11. John says many people believed because they saw Jesus' miracles, yet Jesus did not entrust Himself to them. What is the difference between being impressed with Jesus and genuinely trusting Him?

12. Jesus knows what is in every human heart. How does that truth both humble and comfort you as a believer?

Living the Passage

13. In John 2 Jesus is both the gracious Provider at Cana and the righteous Purifier in the temple. Why is it important that we embrace both aspects of Christ rather than only the one we find most comfortable?

14. If Jesus were to "clean house" in your own heart today, what attitudes, priorities, habits, or distractions might He lovingly confront?

Gospel Reflection

15. John 2 begins with ceremonial purification, moves through the cleansing of the temple, and ends by pointing us to Christ Himself as the true Temple. How does this chapter remind us that our hope is found not in religion, traditions, experiences, or good works—but in Jesus Christ alone?

Weekly Challenge: Read Psalm 139:23–24 every day this week. *"Search me, O God, and know my heart... See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."*

Ask the Lord each day to reveal anything that has replaced wholehearted worship of Him, and intentionally surrender that area to Christ.