

# Home Group Questions

the week of 2/25/2018

Matthew 21:12-14

## THE EMOTIONS OF JESUS

### **GETTING STARTED...**

This past Sunday, Dr. Thaddeus Williams spoke on the emotions of Jesus and how they came into play when he overturned the tables of the moneychangers and cleansed the Temple.

### **LOOKING IN THE WORD...**

**1. Read Matthew 21:12-14.** Read this passage. Obviously Jesus stood against the way in which the temple had become a “den of robbers”. What emotions do you think Jesus felt when he saw what had happened to the temple? Was Jesus in control of His emotions when He overturned the temple? Being God in flesh, we know that whatever He did, he did not sin. How can we still be people who acknowledge our emotions but we don’t allow them to take over our lives so that the Spirit is no longer in control of who we are? What are the ways in which we rationalize the times when we allow our negative emotions to get the best of us? How can we avoid that happening in the future?

- Discuss points from Dr. Thaddeus’s sermon that touched your heart and mind as he spoke along these lines.

**2. Read 1 Corinthians 6:19-20.** After the coming of the Holy Spirit, our bodies became the temple of God. No longer would God meet with people in temples of stone but in the temple of the human heart. What implications does the cleansing of the temple of God by Jesus have for us, knowing that our bodies are now the temple of God?

**3. Read Ephesians 5:25-32** A large portion of this passage deals with controlling our emotions and handling them in a godly way. Even phrases like “let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths” ties into our emotion and handling them well. Discuss this passage in that light. How can we fulfill this passage in our lives with our spouses, our kids, our friends and how does it all tie into our emotions? Focus on verse 31. How do you practically put away all bitterness, wrath, and anger? What does that say about the way we manage our emotions in our lives? Going back to the account of Jesus cleansing the temple, could Jesus do that without anger? Can you stand up for issues that you are emotional about and passionate about without getting out of control in your emotions with others? What verses in God’s Word convey our need to be under God’s control at all times (i.e. Galatians 5:22-23 “fruit of the Spirit”).

**4. Controlling our emotions is best done in community. Read the following and discuss how this impacts our fellowship at church:** “Sharing our feelings with others is also helpful in managing emotions. The Christian life is not meant to be lived alone. God has given us the gift of other believers who can share our burdens and whose burdens we share ([Romans 12](#); [Galatians 6:1–10](#); [2 Corinthians 1:3–5](#); [Hebrews 3:13](#)). Fellow believers can also remind us of God’s truth and offer new perspective. When we are feeling discouraged or afraid, we can benefit from the encouragement, [exhortation](#), and reassurance other believers provide. Often, when we encourage others, we ourselves are encouraged. Likewise, when we are joyful, our joy usually increases when we share it.”

**MOVING FORWARD...** Pray that you will be able to manage your emotions in such a way that they glorify God in all times. Pray that our fellowship at church would be meaningful and centered on our relationship with Christ, and the power He gives us to live godly lives.