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-CELL GROUP-

Matthew 21:12-17

"God's House"

- 1) ... is a house of Prayer/Communion (vs 12-13)
- 2) ... is a house of Mercy (vs 14-15)
- 3) ... is a house from The Bible (vs 16-17)

Objective: *Contrast the temple culture in Jerusalem with the character and cause of Christ.*

Icebreaker: When you face an emergency, are you one of those who act without thinking or are you one of those who think without acting?

To Start:

1. Let's review the memory verse Psalm 118:25-26
2. Let's briefly share some of our notes and/or our reflections derived from this weekend's teaching on Matthew 2:12-17

To Observe a little and think a little:

1. Let's read verses 12 and 13 together and mention the contrasts that we can observe there.

2. What idea of the worship of God did the chief priests and scribes have according to verses 14 and 15?
3. After reading verses 16 and 17 in various versions, let's comment:
What does Jesus think about praising God?

To Reflect:

1. How has ritualism distracted you from enjoying true, intimate communion with God?
2. When was the last time you welcomed an imperfect person into "God's family"?
How did you do it... or perhaps, didn't you do it?
3. What place does the Bible hold in regards to your worship to God?

Let's Pray

Memory Verse.

Isaiah 56:7 these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations."