

Again and Again | Week 03

Wine and Whips | March 4th & 7th

Anchor Verse: The Lord's acts of mercy are not exhausted; his compassion is not spent; They are renewed each morning— great is your faithfulness! Lamentations 3:22-23

What's the Issue Anyway?

Before the truth sets you _____, it tends to make you _____.

There's a Jesus that we _____. There's a Jesus that we _____.

What wisdom does John 2:13-17 offer?

In the wine story, Jesus is the ultimate party _____. In the whip story, Jesus is the ultimate party _____.

In the wine story, Jesus _____ the table with a _____. In the whip story, Jesus _____ the table with a _____.

The Point: There's a Jesus that we _____. There's a Jesus that we _____. It's the _____ Jesus.

He loves us so much he's _____ us wherever we are. He loves us so much he won't _____ us wherever we are.

Jesus acts passionately and forcefully out of _____ — not _____ or _____.

Luke 19:41-42 & Matthew 23: 37-38

If we haven't _____ before we _____ in a forceful and passionate way, we aren't ready to act.

Jesus acts passionately and forcefully because...

1. The _____ of religion had replaced the _____ of worship.
 - What activity has set up shop in that place in my heart where God wants to be?
 - What aspects of the economic system that I value and find convenient are hurting someone else, continuing the cycle of poverty and contributing to the misuse of the earth's resources?
 - Books: *The Sum of Small Things*, *The Soul of Money*
2. God's grace and love are _____ to every human being on the planet.
 - Mark 11:17 "...My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations."
3. It was time to shut down the temple and recognize the _____.
 - John 2:19-22
 - Jesus often said things that people didn't understand in the moment but only made sense much later when they knew more of the _____.
 - The True Temple—the place where humans and God connect—is _____ and _____ Jesus.

What is Jesus inviting us into today?

1. To have a table in my life flipped over: What table in my life is Jesus flipping over or needs to be flipped over?
2. To flip a table: Where do I need to speak up or act out for someone who doesn't have a voice or a place at our table?
3. To weep: What group of people or issue or relationship do I need to weep over before I do anything else?
4. Sign up for the Journey of Lent.

Thought Provoking Questions for Groups or Personal Reflection

1. What habit or distraction often crowds into the place in my heart where God wants to connect with me?
2. What economic value is creating comfort and security for me but could be hurting someone else? How could always looking for the best deal contribute to the cycle of poverty and the misuse of resources?
3. What table does Jesus seem to be flipping over in my life right now?
4. Do I need to do some table flipping? What situation, issue or group of people needs my voice or my action?
5. Before I do any table flipping, have I wept over it? Will I be able to flip the table out of love and not anger or hate?
6. What prayer will I submit to the Prayer Wall today? Text the prayer to 970-500-0970 and someone from the prayer team will put your prayer on the wall.