



Connect Group Discussion Guide

Sunday Message - 5/24/20 | Chuck Sackett | John 2:13-22

NEW Reshapes our Cultural Values: ALWAYS LEARNING

Key Scriptures:

When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

- John 2:22

For zeal for your house has consumed me, and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.

- Psalm 69:9

I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

- Psalm 119:11

These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

- John 14:25–26

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

- John 20:30–31

Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. (ESV)

- Hebrews 5:8

Message Highlights:

- The best learning might not be from a packet of information, but experiential learning.
- Our capacity for self-delusion is almost without limit.
- Context is king, humility is queen. We need to recognize that we do not know everything.
- Two problems with John's approach: The wrong timing for the cleansing of the temple and the wrong psalm.
- The purpose of the temple was to gain access to God. Jesus became the temple.
- The disciples of Jesus remembered his words and began to understand them differently. That's when they believed.
- You can't learn without a teachable spirit. We have to be open to learn.
- God never wastes experiences. Be a lifelong learner.

Conversation Starter:

- Have you ever had an experience that you saw differently as you reflected upon it later in your life?

Discuss the Message:

1. God does not waste any experiences. What difficult experiences in your life have caused you to question that statement?
2. What unanswered questions do you have on your “shelf?”
3. As you reflect on the pandemic, can you already see ways in which God is using our circumstances in order to strengthen our faith?
4. How are you learning to obey God through this season of our lives?
5. Can you insert an example from your own life into the equation Chuck quoted:
Information or Experience + Reflection = Insight?

Pray:

- Pray for one another.
- Pray for God to mold your heart and mind continually into His likeness.
- Pray for God to help you be obedient through suffering and to trust Him in all circumstances.
- Pray through the prayer Chuck shared in the sermon:
 - *Father, we commit ourselves to not merely know your word, but to do your word. Holy Spirit, we ask you to call to mind what we know and press our wills to act. Jesus, we long to be lifelong learners as you have modeled to us. Amen.*