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Being shaped like Jesus | Matthew 21:12-13; Jeremiah 7:5-11

Icebreaker:
Jesus got angry. Who gets the most angry in your family? What makes you angry?

Read this week’s scripture and discuss:

1. When you think of the word “holy,” what thoughts and images come to mind? What does holiness mean to you?
2. The word “holy” (sanctus) means “to set apart” both in Jeremiah 7 and Matthew 21, for what purpose had the Temple in Jerusalem been “set apart”? What have you been set apart for?
3. When you see something wrong are you more likely to act without thinking or think without acting? What makes you feel righteous anger/righteous indignation?
4. Some have argued that Jesus turned over the tables because the religious leaders made worship too convenient (by selling doves, etc. on Temple grounds – Matthew 21:12). Are there places that the Church has made it too easy to follow Jesus?
5. James Bryan Smith says we prefer a Mr. Rogers Jesus. Do you wrestle with how Jesus can be so loving and act the way he did in Matthew 21?
6. In what area of your life (that you feel comfortable to share) does Jesus need to “overturn the tables” in order to shape you like Jesus (become more holy)?
7. In Jeremiah 7, the prophet says “God is watching.” In Matthew 21, Jesus is watching the money changers. How does it feel to know God is watching you?

Prayer:
As you pray for one another, please pray for the following needs in our church family:

Prayer requests

> Pray for peace and comfort for the Shelton, Reese, and Hunn families and friends in the deaths of Harrison, Shelby, and Michael.
> Pray for Elizabeth in the open adoption of twin boys born to her last week.
> Pray for the team and guests of the Men’s Great Banquet, taking place in our building this weekend and for the team and guests of the Women’s Great Banquet that begins on Thursday.

The following are from ZPC’s prayer calendar, which is available at the Welcome Center or at zpc.org/prayer.

> Pray for the ministry of the Fuller Center and the blessings of homes for families in need in Central Indiana.
> Pray for the ZPC Tech Team that works behind the scenes to provide us with AV and technical services that allow us to worship each Sunday.