

# FOOD FOR THOUGHT

For week of October 4, 2020

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## MY STORY

What are you passionate about? Have you ever “gone overboard” about it?

**QUICK REVIEW:** Looking back at this week’s teaching, was there a particular point, verse or comment that caught your attention, challenged you, or raised a question?

## DIGGING DEEPER

1. In this passage, Jesus ‘blew up’ the worship service. What do the following verses tell us about His actions?

Mt. 21:13

Jer. 7:1-11

Mal. 1:6-10

The apostle Paul gave a warning regarding worship in 1 Cor. 11:27-32. Why is it important for us today?

2. The Jews challenged Jesus’ authority to correct them.

- What’s your reaction to correction? Prov. 10:8, 17; 12:1; 13:18
- What did the Jews’ demand for a sign reveal about them?

3. Jesus answered his critics with a prophecy—one that HE would fulfill Himself.

- Why do you think they misunderstood Him?
- What effect did his fulfillment have on his disciples?

## TAKING IT HOME

In Matt. 15:8-9, Jesus described the people of His day and gave a reason for their condition. How can we avoid falling into the same trap?

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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## Tips on Group Prayer

Prayer is an important part of being in a Small Group. We've found that group prayer goes better when we follow three simple guidelines:

### **WE PRAY FOR ONE TOPIC AT A TIME**

Anyone in the group is free to introduce a prayer request. Once a request is introduced, the group focuses on that request. Once it's covered, the group moves on to the next topic.

### **PRAY MORE THAN ONCE**

Because the group is focusing on one topic at a time, each person is encouraged to pray several times during the prayer time for those topics they feel most led to pray about. No one is required to pray out loud.

### **WE KEEP OUR PRAYERS SHORT & SIMPLE**

Group prayer goes better when members keep their prayers short and to the point. When someone prays for a long time, it's hard for the other members to stay focused, and long prayers tend to intimidate those who are just learning to pray out loud in a group.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Missionaries of the Month** Please pray for Ryan and Julie Christian and Hideout Ministries as they provide retreat and rest for weary missionaries.

**Woodcutting** and delivery this coming Saturday, the 10<sup>th</sup> at 9 am behind the Youth Home.



## The Gospel of John---That You May Believe

### ***The Passionate Prophet***

John 2:13-22 (ESV) Jim Vandermeer October 4, 2020

### **He isn't *Mr. Rogers*; He's the Son of God**

Jesus had passion. He was zealous. He could get really angry. And that makes us uncomfortable.

"He isn't safe, but he is good." The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe

### **I A Corrupted Temple**

The way we worship reveals what we think about God.

### **II An Argument of Authority**

We demand proof of Jesus' authority to correct us.

### **III A Fulfilled Prophecy**

Jesus is the Prophet who fulfilled prophecy.