DISCUSSION QUESTIONS · GRADES 3–5

Zeal for His House

The Gospel of John: Why Should I Believe? · Week 08 · November 1, 2026

LEADER SNAPSHOT

Big idea: Jesus showed He is God's Son by clearing out His Father's house, and He promised the biggest sign of all: He would rise from the dead. We meet God through Jesus, so we believe Him.

Read together: John 2:13–25. Memory verse: John 2:19.

Time: 15–20 minutes. Slow down on question 6. That is where the lesson turns toward them.

WARM UP

1. **What is the most crowded place you have ever been? What was it like?**

   At Passover, Jerusalem was packed with people who had traveled for days. Every street and rooftop was full.

IN THE TEMPLE

2. **The temple had an outer courtyard where people who weren't Jewish could come and pray. What did Jesus find set up there?**

   A market: animals for sale and money-changers charging fees. The one place for the nations to pray had become a place of business.

3. **Jesus made a whip and turned over tables. Was Jesus sinning when He got angry? Why or why not?**

   No. He wasn't angry for Himself. He was angry because His Father's house was being dishonored.

4. **Jesus said, "Do not make my Father's house a house of trade." What does "my Father's house" tell us about who Jesus is?**

THE SIGN

5. **The leaders asked, "What sign do you show us?" Jesus said, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." They thought He meant the building. What did He mean?**

   His body. He was talking about His death and His resurrection three days later.

6. **The temple was where people went to meet God. Pastor Tom said Jesus was telling them "the temple was no longer the place to meet God. He was." How do we come to God today?**

   Not through a building or by doing enough good things. Through Jesus.

SO WHAT

7. **Lots of people that week were amazed by Jesus' miracles, but Jesus knew what was in their hearts. What is the difference between being amazed by Jesus and believing Him?**

THIS WEEK

Memorize John 2:19. Then tell one person why Jesus coming back to life is the reason you believe in Him. Next week: Week 9 · You Must Be Born Again · John 3:1–15 · November 8, 2026