

Knowing Jesus Cleansing the Temple

Text: Mark 11:15-18

Purpose: *Jesus was angry because some people in the temple were distracting others from worshipping God. In this study we look at what keeps people from Jesus and how we can live in a way that helps to lead people toward Jesus.*

Opening Question: *What is something that's an easy distraction for you?*

Read and Discuss: Mark 11:15-18

- 1. In your own words describe what this scene must have looked like? People's reaction? Jesus' demeanor? Disciples' reaction?*
- 2. Why was Jesus so upset with what he saw in the temple? What could be an equivalent situation today?*
- 3. What are some hindrances that keep people away from Jesus?*
- 4. What's the difference between productive anger and sinful anger?*
- 5. What are some things we should be angry over today that keep people from Jesus?*
- 6. What is one thing in our own life that should be overturned to help people learn more about Jesus?*