

## John 2:13-25 (NIV)

13 When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14 In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. 15 So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. 16 To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!" 17 His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me."

18 The Jews then responded to him, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?"

19 Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."

20 They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" 21 But the temple he had spoken of was his body. 22 After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

23 Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, many people saw the signs he was performing and believed in his name. 24 But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all people. 25 He did not need any testimony about mankind, for he knew what was in each person.

## COME & SEE (5 Sessions in John): Leader's Notes

### Read & Discuss:

- Read the passage out loud.
- Give a few minutes of quiet for each person to read the story again on their own and note things that are interesting or confusing.
- Ask open ended questions that keep the conversation focused on the passage.
  - In your own words, how would you describe each of the characters?
  - How does Jesus interact with the people in this story?
  - What do you find surprising or troubling?
  - What does the story communicate about God?
- Let the scripture speak for itself and don't worry about coming to agreement or answering all your friends' questions.

### Testify & Invite:

- Share a story of how Jesus has been real to you. To prepare, ask the Holy Spirit to show you what part of your story your friend needs to hear. Consider:
  - What character in the passage do you identify with? Why?
  - How has Jesus touched your life and brought healing?
  - How has Jesus answered your questions or resolved your doubts?
  - Do you relate to my story or to one of the characters in the passage?
- Ask them to pick a need, struggle, or situation in their life that they can invite Jesus to interact with, e.g. What's an area of life where you have "run out of wine"?
- What do you think Jesus might want you to do?

### Pray & Watch:

- I realize it might be new to you to talk to Jesus directly, but let's ask him to interact with your life as he did in the Scripture story. Give your friend the option to pray out loud or silently.
- Finish by praying out loud in a natural way for the areas shared.
- Trust God to get involved in your friend's life. Remember God's role and our role in evangelism:
  - We testify and make invitations.
  - Jesus reveals himself as the one who knows them and offers his living water.
  - In a few days, ask them how Jesus responded to your prayers.
- As you see God speaking to your friend, take a risk to invite them to become a follower of Jesus, e.g. It looks like Jesus is pursuing you. Would you like to say yes to following him?