



March 3, 2024, Third Sunday in Lent

John 2:13-22

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Merciful God, you are at once full of mercy and righteousness. Rouse us from complacency and light your fire within us again, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. (John 2:14-15)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

As he stops money changers from using the Temple in Jerusalem as a place to sell their wares, Jesus draws a comparison between the Temple and his own body, reminding us of the inherent preciousness of God's promises.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- What questionable behaviors or customs does your community practice that are so embedded in your community, they have not been examined for a long time? How could you begin to effect change?
- What happened after Jesus' fit of anger? Did people change? Why or why not?
- For the littles: What makes you angry? How do you calm down?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God shake up your status quo. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Clean your house. Get rid of things that are bogging you down. Lighten your load. Simplify.



Go Deeper: Read and reflect on the readings for each day of the week.

Monday, Psalm 84; 1 Kings 6:1-4, 21-22; 1 Corinthians 3:10-23
Tuesday, Psalm 84; 2 Chronicles 29:1-11, 16-19; Hebrews 9:23-28
Wednesday, Psalm 84; Ezra 6:1-16; Mark 11:15-19
Thursday, Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Genesis 9:8-17; Ephesians 1:3-6
Friday, Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Daniel 12:5-13; Ephesians 1:7-14
Saturday, Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Numbers 20:22-29; John 3:1-13