

# ENCOUNTERING JESUS: JESUS AS TEMPLE

*Life Group Questions | Sunday, February 21, 2021*

Throughout this 10-week series, we will focus on a different image or metaphor of Jesus presented in the Gospel of John. Today, we will focus on Jesus as Temple.

**Read John 2:13-22.** To properly understand this passage and metaphor we must do our best to understand the role and grandeur of the Temple in Jesus' day. The temple was the center of the Jewish universe. It hosted God's presence. It was where heaven and earth came together. How does this understanding shape the way you read this passage? What stands out to you about the passage? What do you imagine Jesus' thoughts, feelings, and intentions were?

**Read Psalm 69:9.** The disciples remember this passage as they witness Jesus in the temple courts. Have you encountered this zeal of Jesus in your life? How so?

**Discuss the following Big Ideas:**

- **Jesus is where heaven and earth come together.** Jesus is the new temple, and followers of Jesus are his body on earth. How does this reality shape your daily life? How do you hope for it to?
- **Jesus was consumed with removing all barriers to God.** Through his death and resurrection, Jesus provides uninhibited access to God. What gets in the way of you fully resting in that gift?

**Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-21.** Where do you see Christ's ministry of reconciliation at work in your life and community? How might you participate this week?

**Pray together.**