

Mark 11:12-19**JESUS CLEARS THE TEMPLE****LOOKING INTO THE SCRIPTURE**

Read Mark 11:12-19 and discuss.

Divide into groups of four or five and share how angry each of the following situations makes you by choosing a number from 1 to 5 (1 being NO SWEAT, 2 being MIFFED, 3 being LOW GROWL, 4 being FLARING NOSTRILS and 5 being BLOOD BOILS).

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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Getting the run-around/red tape |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Car boils over during 5 o'clock rush |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Political scandals |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Mistreatment of others/bigotry |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Criticism from your mother |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | No time left for yourself/someone intrudes on your time |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Violation of your rights |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | God is commercialized |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Sunday morning paper gets wet |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Favorite sweater lost at drycleaners |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Preacher preaches past noon |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Cold food at restaurant |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Lose money in a vending machine |

2. How would you describe the behavior of Jesus in this passage?

- a. politician
- b. umpire
- c. Marine sergeant
- d. pussycat
- e. tyrant
- f. bull in a china shop
- g. county sheriff
- h. superman
- i. bouncer

3. Do you think Jesus over-reacted in this situation? Yes No

4. Why did the chief priests and the teachers of the law start looking for a way to kill Jesus?

- a. he intruded on their turf
- b. he threatened their authority
- c. he exposed them as a bunch of thieves
- d. he ruined their business

5. If Jesus came to clean up your town, where would he start?

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| a. city hall | d. church |
| b. high school | e. newspapers |
| c. porno shops | f. your room |

MY OWN STORY/20 Minutes. Take a moment and think about your own reaction to social wrongs or abuse.

1. How would you describe your own response to injustice, abuse, or moral corruption?

- a. pussycat
- b. bull in a china shop
- c. politician
- d. pistol-packing mama
- e. the three stooges

2. When are you more likely to get involved or take action?

- a. when my interests are threatened
- b. when my friends are involved
- c. when a moral principle I believe in strongly is involved
- d. when God tells me
- e. when I think I can make a difference

3. What have you found most effective in changing the behavior of society for the good?

- a. appeal to people's sense of fairness
- b. work on changing the heart first
- c. change the law
- d. work quietly behind the scenes
- e. overturning a few tables

4. Where is God calling you now to get involved?

- a. winning people to Christ
- b. reaching leaders in the community
- c. getting involved in community programs to assist the poor, underprivileged, or abused
- d. forming a political action task force