**Discussion Questions**

Explain a brief history of the Passover. *During the time in Egypt, the plagues came, the first born of every person, animal, bird was to die. The Hebrews were told to sacrifice a lamb and use its blood to paint the top and sides of the front door of their house, the angel of death would then PASSOVER IT and not take the first born of the house*

Was this the first time recorded Jesus went to Jerusalem?  *No it is the second*

What happened the first time He went there? *The first being when he was just a boy and stayed behind to talk and debate with the teachers at the temple*

Explain a brief history of the temple. *The temple is where all the religious rites are preformed by the Hebrews, baptisms, offerings, teachings*

What was taking place at the temple? *It was being turned into a place of business, money exchangers, sellers of offering animals and the taking of profits from the people*

Why did this make Jesus’ angry? *They were doing the opposite of what God wanted them to do, they were not there for service and worship but had altruistic or shelfish motives*

Can you think of any comparisons in today’s world? *Some* *Mega churches and many smaller churches, those who promote themselves on TV, radio or at the front of the church asking for money, send it in and a miracle will happen to you, buy this or that and your sins are forgiven*

What does this tell us about God’s feelings for the holiness of temple/church? *IT IS GOD’s house and not a house that should be used as a market*

What does this tell us about the purpose for going to church? *We should be going there to worship God, help the sick, orphans and widows as God would have us do*

Was it sin for Jesus to be angry? *No, God can and does get angry*

Why or why not?  *He is God*

How can you explain his actions? *All his actions are for our good, even if at the time we don’t think so*

Should we get angry? *In general no, we are to forgive those who anger us*

When is it acceptable to get angry? *When someone is putting church’s in bad light or talking against God*

What kinds of things should make us angry? *Those who go against the Bible’s teaching and take God away*

What should we do with our anger? *Turn it into prayer and motivation to show them why and how they are wrong*

What can we learn from verse 17? *Sometimes we do wrong without realizing why it is wrong*

What basic misunderstanding repeated throughout Jesus’ ministry can we see in verses 18-22? *They saw the building, we know it is our bodies*

Explain verses 24 and 25. *Jesus being God could see into people hearts and know their motives*

What was in man that Jesus knew about? *Our over riding sin nature that tries to control our actions and thoughts.*