

## **Sermon Notes**

### **The Cleaner** (John 2:13-25)

#### **The Story** (John 2:13-25)

#### **The Lessons**

**A. Only Jesus Can Clean Us.**

**B. We Must Be Willing to be Cleaned** (1 John 1:5-10)

## For Further Thought and Discussion

### Getting Started

1. What was helpful to you in this week's sermon? What didn't you understand?
2. When did you first become aware of guilt in your own life? How did it happen?

### Going Deeper

3. Please read John 2:13-16 and Malachi 3:1-3. Why do you think Jesus begins His public ministry in this way? Why did the temple need to be cleaned? How do you think it got into the condition in which Jesus found it? How do you imagine the scene John describes? How do you think Jesus' new disciples felt? How do you think the temple authorities felt?
4. Please read John 2:17 and Psalm 69:9. If you had been one of Jesus' disciples that day, how would you see Him differently now? What does "zeal for Your house will consume me" mean according to Psalm 69:9?
5. Please read John 2:18-22. What do the temple authorities want from Jesus? Could Jesus have shown them a sign (miracle?) Why do you think He didn't? How does He answer their request instead? What temple is Jesus speaking of here? When did His disciples understand what He meant? What does this tell you about His resurrection? About our resurrection? Why does Jesus compare His body to the temple? How does this apply to us today? (1 Cor. 3:16, 6:19)
6. Please read John 2:23-25. As Jesus begins His public ministry in Jerusalem, why do you think He doesn't take the immediate results too seriously?
7. Why do we need to be cleansed by Jesus in order to fulfill our mission? (1 John 1:5-10) What does walking in the light mean? How can we tell if we're walking in the light according to John? Why is our regular confession of sin important to our relationship with God?

### Application

What is one thing you can do this week to apply this passage?