



Discussion Guide

My House of Prayer

Sermon by Pastor Zach Prosser

- Read Matthew 21:12-14
- When Jesus calls the temple God’s “house of prayer,” he means more than just a place where people meet to pray. By calling it God’s *house*, he means God dwells there—his presence makes a home there. To be *called* means to be *known as*; God’s house will be known for the prayer going on there. These prayers must be more than basic daily prayers; they are intense, fully committed prayers to the God whose presence dwells there.

What does it mean to you that God calls the church his house—that his presence dwells there? How might this impact your prayer and the prayers of the church?

- Pastor Zach said, “Where there’s no prayer, there’s no anointing.” Jesus was righteously angry at the sellers and money changers in the temple because they were disrupting the anointing of God’s house. Cleansing the temple meant that healing could once again take place there (v. 14).

Have you ever been in a church where a “cleansing of the temple” occurred? What did it look like? What were the effects?

- What does prayer look like in a church fulfilling Jesus’s words, “a house of prayer”? The members of God’s house are individuals of prayer (1 Cor. 6:19), but they also form a body of corporate prayer (Eph. 2:19-22). James 5:16 describes the prayer of the righteous as “effectual” and “fervent”; these are the prayers which distinguish God’s house as a house of prayer.

What examples of this kind of prayer have you witnessed in your church family? In what ways does it differ from other, less effective prayer?



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Upcoming Events to Promote at Your Group

Midweek Refresh | Wednesdays
7pm

The Hope Center | Thursdays 10am-4pm

Men’s Breakfast | June 9 9am

Africa Missions Lunch | June 10
after service

Night of Hope | June 27 7pm

Key Components of a Healthy Care Group

Worship

Prayer

Body Life Ministry

Bible

Discussion

Remember to DELEGATE responsibilities to others!

***Remember your Care Group benevolence offering!**

****After your Care Group, remember to complete your online Care Group Report or email your Section Pastor.**