

Women of Grace 2008-2009

Come and See: Jesus Christ in the Gospel of John

Homework for Lesson Three

The New Temple

Your homework will help sharpen your understanding of the Bible and is a ministry to others as you share your answers in your small group. Prayerfully think through each answer with the expectation of sharing with others what God has taught you.

Read John 2

Memorize John 2:18-19

1. (a) Describe Jesus' character and actions as He miraculously turned water into wine.

(b) What attributes of deity did He display?

2. (a) What was "the hour" to which Jesus referred in John 2:4? (See John 7:30 and 13:1)

(b) What was the significance of this first sign/miracle?

3. (a) What does it mean that Jesus "manifested His glory" in John 2:11? (See also Colossians 1:15 and Hebrews 1:3)

(b) What was different about the way that God revealed His glory to Moses in Exodus 33:18-23?

4. (a) Why were animals being sold in the temple?

(b) Describe Jesus' character and actions as He cleansed the temple.

5. (a) What do the following verses say about salvation?

Acts 2:38

Romans 3:24

Romans 6:23

Ephesians 2:8

(b) In light of Christ's sacrifice, why were the vendors and money changers so strongly rebuked?

6. (a) What did Jesus mean by His statement in John 2:19?

(b) What did the Jews think Jesus was saying? How did they later twist His words against Him? (See Matthew 26:59-61)

7. (a) What was the function of the temple in God's relationship with Israel? (II Chronicles 5:1-7:3) What religious activities were centered in the temple?

(b) Explain how Jesus Christ is now the center of all true worship. (See also John 1:14, 4:21, and Colossians 2:9.)

(c) Why is the earthly temple now unnecessary? (Use Luke 23:45, Hebrews 9:24-26, and other verses for your answer.)

8. What did you learn about Jesus Christ this week that has caused you to worship Him in a new way?