



## **The Gospel of Mark – Angry Jesus** **Pastor David Patterson 07.28.2024**

### **USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE**

We have provided all the Scriptures references in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to discuss the weekend message.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together. Give priority to the needs and pace of your group members.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships. Use the discussion questions as you see fit but emphasize the relationships.

### **[Isaiah 53:2]**

He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by mankind,

### **[Mark 11:15-18]**

<sup>15</sup> When they arrived back in Jerusalem, Jesus entered the Temple and began to drive out the people buying and selling animals for sacrifices. He knocked over the tables of the money changers and the chairs of those selling doves, <sup>16</sup> and he stopped everyone from using the Temple as a marketplace. <sup>17</sup> He said to them, "**The Scriptures declare, 'My Temple will be called a house of prayer for all nations,' but you have turned it into a den of thieves.**" <sup>18</sup> When the leading priests and teachers of religious law heard what Jesus had done, they began planning how to fill him. But they were afraid of him because the people were so amazed at his teaching.

### **[Matthew 23:4]**

The Pharisees don't practice what they teach. They crush people with unbearable religious demands and never lift a finger to ease the burden.

**"God loves you with such pure and perfect love that he hates any and everything in your life that is denying you full access to Him"**

### **What Makes Jesus Angry?**

When religious traditions, man-made rules, and hypocrites keep people from encountering God

### **[Mark 10:13-16]**

<sup>13</sup> One day some parents brought their children to Jesus so he could touch and bless them. But the disciples scolded the parents for bothering him. <sup>14</sup> When Jesus saw what was happening, he was angry with his disciples. He said to them, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children. <sup>15</sup> I tell you the truth, anyone who doesn't receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it." <sup>16</sup> Then he took the children in his arms and placed his hands on their heads and blessed them.

### **[Acts 15:19]**

"It is my judgment, therefore, that we should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God." (**Gentiles = those far from God**)

### **Key Points:**

- 1. Hate what God hates**
- 2. Love what God loves**
- 3. Run toward Him like a child**

### **Applications for the Week:**

**Jesus calls us to approach God with the innocence and trust of a child. What specific actions can you take this week to run toward God like a child, embracing His unconditional love and grace?**

## Discussion Questions

1. Reflect on your own perceptions of Jesus. Are there any ways in which you have crafted an image of Jesus that fits your comfort zone rather than the Biblical reality?
2. What actions did Jesus take when He entered the temple in Mark 11:15-17?
3. Why was Jesus so angry with the money changers and sellers in the temple? What deeper issue was He addressing?
4. Have you ever experienced or witnessed religious traditions or man-made rules that created barriers to encountering God? How did it affect your faith or the faith of others?
5. How does the concept of God's pure and perfect love, which hates anything that denies us full access to Him, challenge our understanding of His character?
6. Identify any internal barriers (e.g., sin, addiction, self-loathing) that might be obstructing your access to God's love and grace. What steps can you take to remove these barriers?
7. According to Isaiah 56:7, what is the intended purpose of God's house?
8. Unity is crucial for experiencing God's blessing and presence. Are there any divisive behaviors or attitudes in your life that you need to address to promote unity within your church community?
9. Think about a time when you felt distant from God. What were the barriers that caused this distance, and how did you overcome them? How can you help others who might be facing similar barriers?
10. How can you actively work to ensure that your church remains a place of grace and open access to God, free from unnecessary traditions and rules that might repel people far from God?