



## Discussion Questions

### Jesus' Cares: Week Eight

Talk about a time you've been mad, upset, angry, frustrated, or furious. What value, identity, security, or deeply held belief was behind those emotions? Why were you so emotional, really?

Read **Matthew 21:12-17**

What about this moment so infuriates Jesus?

Read **Psalms 146:7-9**

What do these verses teach us about the heart of God?

In **verse 13**, Jesus quotes two well-known passages from the Old Testament. Read them one at a time and talk about what injustice Jesus was targeting with each.

- **Isaiah 56:6-7**
- **Jeremiah 7:9-11**

Why do you think right in the middle of this episode (in verse 14), Matthew is careful to tell us that *the blind and the lame came to (Jesus) at the temple, and he healed them*?

If Jesus were alive today, what injustices (that perhaps we've gotten used to) do you think he would be upset about?

At the end of this story, the children are shouting about who Jesus is, and he affirms their cries. How does Jesus' firm understanding of who he is in his relationship to the Father empower him to be a champion for justice in the world?

How should remembering our relationship to God in Jesus fuel our passion for justice?