

RIVERSIDE ANGLICAN CHURCHES
QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION AND REFLECTION
John 2:1-22

Read 2:1-11

1. Why was running out of the wine a problem in this situation?
According to the passage who was responsible for this situation?
2. In verses 4-5 what do you think Jesus' mother expected Jesus to do?
3. What is the purpose of Jesus turning water into wine?
4. John says in verse 6 that the water was in jars used for ceremonial washing. What might be the significance of this?
5. How does this sign reveal Jesus' glory (verse 11)? (Think also about the point of a sign and what John says in 20:30)
6. As the first of his signs, what does this event reveal about God's attitude towards people?
7. Why does Jesus seem reluctant to help out? Why does he help out anyway? (See also 7:1-10 and 11:1-6)
8. What does Jesus mean by "my hour" in verse 4? (If you have time, examine 7:30, 8:20, 12:23, 12:27, 13:1, 16:21-22, 17:1 and discuss the meaning of "the hour" in these passages)

Read 2:12-22

9. Why are people selling animals and exchanging coins in the temple?
10. Why does Jesus clear the temple? Especially try to explain his own words in verse 16.
11. Is Jesus condoning violence?
12. Read Psalm 69:1-10. Why do the disciples think about this Scripture when Jesus clears the temple?
13. What is the reason the Jewish leaders ask for a sign in v 18?
14. Read Malachi 3:1-7. Does this shed any light on the problem in the temple and how the Jewish leaders should have responded to Jesus' arrival?
15. What was the temple for? (see how Jesus describes it in verse 16)
16. Why does Jesus refer to his body as the temple (vv. 19-21)?
17. What then should our attitude be towards church buildings?
18. Paul says individual Christians and the church community are both the temple of God. Read 1 Corinthians 3:16-17 & 2 Corinthians 6:16. What would it mean to be zealous for God's house now?