Argyle LifeGroup Study Guide, Luke, part 69, Sept 6, 2020

1. Read Luke 19:45-48

2. Jesus arrived in Jerusalem not to setup His kingdom, but to be crucified. Jesus never lost sight of His ______. Read Luke 19:10

3. Peace is something that requires constant care. It's a lot like keeping a healthy garden. It has to be watered, fertilized and weeds need to be pulled. Peace is precious and needs to be nurtured. Sometimes peace must be maintained by ______ and _____

4. They did not expect Jesus to attack and overthrow their temple. Jesus was saying, "Your problem is not the government. Your problem is your religion. You're a bunch of hypocrites."

5. This is the second time that Jesus had cleansed the temple. You would hope that once would be enough. Just like we do many times in our life, we tend to not learn our lesson and repeat our mistakes.

6. Read John 2:13-16. The first temple cleansing was recorded in John. The second temple cleansing that we are looking at today is recorded in Matthew, Mark and Luke.

7. Read Luke 19:45. The court of the gentiles was an area that was supposed to be used for the Jews to share their belief in God with unbelievers. But instead, this area had been turned into a shopping mall. It had become a religious shopping place.

8. There are some churches today who point to this passage in scripture as a reason not to sell things in church. But the issue is when people a being taken advantage of and something meant for good is abused. It all comes back to the motive. It all comes back to the heart.

9. What is the church's focus? It's not to make money. Our mission is "Leading real life change through Jesus from the inside out" Does that require resources? Yes. Generous giving is an important part of our relationship with God.

10. Sometimes we forget where the emphasis should be. We get all worked up about what should and should not happen in a church building. When scripture is clear what the real temple is for a New Testament believer. Read 1 Corinthians 6:18-20.

11. Just like the temple in Jerusalem was not designed for making money, your body, God's temple, was not designed for you to live your life how ever you choose. You have been bought and paid for. Read 1 Corinthians 3:16-17.