John Series Leaders Guide Week 5

Opening Prayer:

Begin your session by inviting God's presence and asking for His guidance in your discussion.

Key Takeaways:

- 1. Jesus demonstrates three levels of spiritual cleaning: in the treasury, in the temple, and in truth.
- 2. Our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, and God wants to clean us from the inside out.
- 3. We should worship the Creator, not the creation.
- 4. Signs and miracles are not as important as trusting in Jesus as our Savior.

Discussion Questions:

- 1. The sermon mentions three levels of cleaning. Which level do you find most challenging in your own spiritual life and why?
- 2. How do you respond when God tries to "clean up" areas of your life? Are there areas you tend to resist His cleansing?
- 3. The pastor says, "We must have a zero tolerance policy for sin." What does this look like in practical terms? How can we balance this with grace?
- 4. Reflect on the statement: "As Christians, as followers of Jesus, it's not about showing up and looking the part. It's about living daily the part." How can we ensure we're living out our faith daily?
- 5. The sermon emphasizes that Jesus wants us to trust Him as our Savior, not just as a "sign-giver." How can we cultivate a deeper trust in Jesus beyond what He can do for us?
- 6. How does the concept of our bodies being "temples of the Holy Spirit" impact how we live our lives?

Practical Applications:

- 1. This week, identify one area in your life where you need God's cleansing. Pray specifically for His help in this area.
- 2. Practice being "zealous" for God's house by finding one way to serve or contribute to your church community this week.
- 3. Reflect on your motivations for following Jesus. Are you seeking signs or seeking the Savior? Journal about this and share insights with a trusted friend or group member.
- 4. Choose one practical way to honor God with your body this week, recognizing it as a temple of the Holy Spirit.
- 5. Look for opportunities to share about God's cleansing power in your life with someone who needs encouragement.

Closing Prayer:

Close your session by thanking God for His cleansing power and asking for His help in applying the lessons learned.