

Life Group Resources
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Atonement Fargo

Attitude Overhaul - Indignation

Ice Breaker (discuss one or both)

- What product that you own would you return to the manufacturer or retailer if you discovered a crack in it?
- Should we feel “good” about our Righteous Indignation? What would that look like? Is there such a thing?

In today’s lesson, we examine the attitude that reflects indignation.

Read Together

Three things that made religious people indignant:

Posturing for position. Mark 10:35-45, Matthew 20:24

1. What was the motivation behind the brothers’ request?
2. How did this affect the others in the group?
3. What ways do you see people posturing for position in the church today?

Disruption of religious decorum. Matthew 21:14-16, Luke 13:10-17

4. Blind and the lame came into the temple (weren’t “supposed” to be in the temple). What was the motivation for the leaders being upset?
5. What changes can you think of that would be considered a disruption of a worship service that tends to be controversial? (guitars in church, robes/no robes, etc.) Why do people get upset with these changes?
6. Ruler of the synagogue was indignant that Jesus healed on the Sabbath – quoting the Ten Commandments. Jesus called the person who was healed a daughter of Abraham. Bottom line – is the work of God being done vs. just upsetting traditions?

Excessive spending of church funds. Matthew 26:8, Mark 14:3-9, v. 4; John 12:1-8

7. What about the lavish gift of the woman at Bethany used to anoint Jesus? It was a year’s salary! What about this gift made the disciples indignant?
8. In church, people will often designate offerings toward certain projects. Even though the offering is designated, why do you suppose people will occasionally squawk about how other designate their offerings.
9. Ointment was broken and spilled out. Flask was broken. Body broken and spilled out. The cost Jesus paid – does it cause us indignation?

What made Jesus indignant? Mark 10:13-16

10. Discuss ways religious people and people closest to him putting any impediment to coming to him. Do some self-examination. Are there ways we put up impediments?

11. How can we be a church/place where we welcome the frail, weak, new, powerless among us? What causes us to lose sight of Jesus mission of the gospel?
12. How can we extend the grace of Jesus to others?

Concluding Thoughts

While we think we may be justified in our own indignation, or feelings of anger or annoyance at the things we perceive unholy, it's important to examine our own hearts and motivation to ensure they are aligned with the heart and mission of Christ.

Prayer

Lord, be working in our hearts that which is pleasing to you. Amen