

**Leader/Host Guide\* for John 2:12-25 Jesus Cleanses the Temple**  
**Week following Oct 15,16, 2011**

\*(please read the additional descriptions, instructions and notes on the yellow sample session format pages)

I. Gather, Nametags, Welcome and Icebreaker

Icebreaker suggestion:

*The cleansing of the temple is the second sign that Jesus is the Messiah. As a bit more serious ice-breaker today, you may want to invite each person to share a time when they have experienced a sign that God is God. . . (for example. . . . through singing a hymn, reading scripture, praying, the beauty of nature or a smile. . . )*

II. Opening Prayer

*Gracious God,*

*You teach us so much through your Holy Word. Help us to be attentive to what you would have us learn and apply to our lives as we study and discuss the Gospel of John. Strengthen our support and relationships with one another and guide our conversation this day.*

*In Jesus name,*

*Amen*

III. Bible, Sermon, Text Messages (Reflection Questions) and Faith in Action Discussion

IV. Memory/ Focus Verse Review

V. Wrap up and Looking Ahead

VI. Closing Prayer/Lord's Prayer

*Lord God,*

*Remind us of the importance of putting you first in our lives. You alone are worthy of our worship- and we know that it brings you honor and glory when we take the time each week to come together to praise you and hear your word for our lives.*

*We pray for each one in our community of faith at Lord of Life, that we might together be a bold witness for you.*

*In Jesus name we pray,*

*Amen*

VII. Adjourn

