



"The Heart of God"

Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. "It is written," he said to them, "My house will be called a house of prayer," but you are making it 'a den of robbers. The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them.'" -Matt 21:12-14

Again he [Jesus] entered the synagogue, and a man was there with a withered hand. And they [Pharisees] watched Jesus, to see whether he would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man with the withered hand, "Come here." And he said to them, "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. And he looked around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. -Mark 3:1-5

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. "Where have you laid him?" he asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied. Jesus wept. -John 11:33-35

1. Can you think of a time when you have been surprised by your emotions and it revealed to you something internal in you that you weren't aware of?
2. In the message Pastor Peter shared instances of Jesus expressing strong emotion:
 - a. Anger at the money-changers at the Temple (Mt 21:12-14)
 - b. Grief at the Pharisees with the man with shriveled hand (Mk 3:1-6)
 - c. Sorrow with Mary and Martha at Lazarus' tomb (Jn 11:33-35)Among these three expressions of emotion which spoke most to you and why? In what ways do you find it similar or different to yours?
3. When you see God's heart for the broken in spirit and contrite in heart how does it impact your view of the Beatitudes?
4. In what ways have you seen God bless others through these type of people? (e.g. the poor in spirit, mourn, meek, merciful, pure in heart, peacemakers, persecuted, hunger & thirst for righteousness)