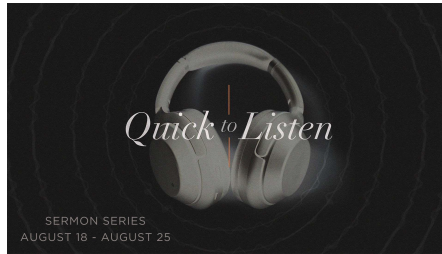


Hope Presbyterian Church  
Sermon-Based Bible Study Group



September 1, 2024

“Righteous Indignation” - #3 in the series *Quick to Listen*

**Texts Referenced (NIV):** John 2:13-22, Zechariah 7:10, James 1:19 (theme verse)

1. What stood out to you about the message?
2. In the Disney films *Inside Out* and *Inside Out 2*, Anger—a hot-headed little character—is an emotion that influences how young Riley responds to situations in her life.
  - What did you learn about anger growing up as a child?
  - How have your thoughts about anger changed, if at all?
3. **Read John 2: 13-17.**

Jesus’ actions can be described as *righteous indignation*—anger motivated by injustice.

  - Why do you think Jesus viewed the actions in the Temple as an injustice?
  - Are there examples of injustice in the church that also exist beyond its walls?
    - What is your experience seeing those injustices addressed?
4. **Read John 2: 18-22.**
  - What does Jesus’ dialogue with his disciples tell us about what motivated his actions?
  - How do we determine if our anger is righteous indignation or a response to being personally offended? What’s the difference?
5. **Read Zechariah 7:10.**
  - In addition to these injustices, what other offenses would God not want us to condone?
  - How does understanding righteous indignation help us focus on the outcomes of eliminating injustice - reconciliation, repentance, and course correction?
6. How can we pray for you?