

Sermon Title: Loving God by Serving People

Sermon Text: Isaiah 58

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1. Do you find listening easy or difficult? Why do you think that is?
2. What do you think it means to listen to God? How do you recognize Him speaking?
3. In Isaiah 58:1–7, God’s people fasted and mourned their sin, but they kept living the same way. Do you think it’s easy to fall into this same pattern today? Why do you think we do this? What are ways we avoid repenting?
4. In the Bible, fasting is a bodily expression of our need for God to satisfy our deepest longings. Watch the Bible Project video on fasting and discuss: (a) Why do you think God rejected the fasting in Isaiah 58? (b) Have you ever fasted as a way to humble yourself before God?



5. Read Isaiah 58:8–14. How does your current experience compare with this vision? Where are you already experiencing God’s closeness and favor? Where is there room to grow?
6. At the end of the sermon, Joe read Matthew 25:31–46. Who are the marginalized, overlooked, or powerless in our society today? Who are the “least of these” in our own community?

Prayer Activity

- Step 1. Go around your group and pray about places in our world that lack peace and justice.
- Step 2. Ask God where you could be a part of bringing justice and peace.
- Step 3. Listen to God and the person or group He brings to mind.
- Step 4. Share who it was and brainstorm how you could serve them over the winter break.