

## Wednesday

**Read: Isaiah 58:8-10** *The blessings of righteousness*

### Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Reflect on what will bring you closer to God and discovering God's will for you.*
2. *What does it mean to you to have a God who wants a relationship with you? Give thanks for God's love.*

**Prayer Focus** Your blessings are personal and universal, Gracious God. Thank you for lining up the ragged margins of our lives by your example in Jesus, and by the gift of your patient kindness toward us.

## Thursday

**Read: Isaiah 58:11** *More blessings*

### Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Is there a place in your life that could use some water to change and grow? Speak to God about it.*
2. *Who has watered your garden, helping you grow and flourish in your faith? Give thanks to them (if possible) and to God for putting them in your life.*

**Prayer Focus** We long for both the strength and the tender care of your guidance and your grace, Redeemer. Let us become well-springs for our community.

## Friday

**Read: Isaiah 58:12** *The future, with righteousness*

### Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Where does your life most need restoration?*
2. *How can you be a part of restoring and rebuilding our wounded world?*

**Prayer Focus** We love this hopeful promise! We recommit today to becoming restorers and builders, with truth, faith, and reliance on you, God of All.

## Choose Righteousness

**Pastor's message: Isaiah 58:1-12.** *Even if we have righteous minds and rituals, that doesn't guarantee righteous actions.*

**Message Notes:**

## Small Group Format

### Welcome

- Introductions/getting acquainted
- Mutual Invitation question: *If you had a choice, would you rather renovate an old house or build a new one? Briefly, why?*

### Opening Prayer

### Song (optional)

### Reflection on Scripture

Have someone read: **Isaiah 58:1-12** Discuss observations about the text.

- *What word or phrase strikes you the most?*
- *What do you think is the most important point of the text?*

*Application of Scripture (The central transformative questions)*

- What did you hear God say to you through this week's Scriptures?
- What are you doing about it?
- How can we support you?

### Share your faith (in groups of 3)

- *How have you experienced God recently in your life?* (This is a weekly question - it may be difficult to answer at first, but if you ask it each week you may start to notice God more in your life.)

### Pray for each other

### Refreshments (optional)



## CHOOSE RIGHTEOUSNESS

### February 5, 2023

### Monday

**Read: Isaiah 58:1-2** *God speaks to Isaiah*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *The people thought they were doing everything right. How would you respond to Isaiah's criticism?*
2. *Are there times when your worship feels empty or false?*

**Prayer Focus** Holy One, we sometimes struggle with obeying your laws. When we choose to do just what we want instead, we know we push you away and lose your guidance. We humbly ask your forgiveness.

### Tuesday

**Read: Isaiah 58:3-7** *The people's hypocrisy*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *What is God's definition of fasting in this passage?*
2. *Do you sometimes hide your true self, even from your family? From God?*

**Prayer Focus** Our Creator, we know the value you place on honesty. If we cannot be honest with you, the one who knows all about us, how can we hope to be in true relationship with you and with others? Help us take the whole truth to you today and begin to know your peace.