

Wednesday

Read: *Isaiah 1:16-17 Do better*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Is there something you need to take to God to be made clean? Humbly pray for that now.*
2. *Is doing good the same as worship? How?*

Prayer Focus We know that you don't want our tokens of prayer, worship, or praise. You don't need them. Send your Holy Spirit to lead us into living in ways that are truly good, according to your will.

Thursday

Read: *Isaiah 1:18 How things could change*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Do you ever argue with God?*
2. *What might your life look like if God made you as clean as new snow? What might change?*

Prayer Focus You are the God speaks to us, the God who longs, passionately, for a relationship with us. The God who doesn't give up on us. Keep calling, Great Redeemer. Keep telling us you believe we can change and do better.

Friday

Read: *Isaiah 1:19-20 Our choice*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *What does it mean to you when God says failing to obey his command will lead to our destruction?*
2. *How can we create worship that leads us into living out God's command to be just and compassionate?*

Prayer Focus Gracious One, may we bring you a sacrifice of our own wants and lives, and a commitment to greater faith. May we engage in worship that daily fills us with the will and courage to serve you, for the healing of our world.

3 Guidelines

Pastor's message: *Isaiah 1:1; 10-20*

Message Notes:

Small Group Format



Welcome

- Introductions/getting acquainted
- Mutual Invitation question: *Have you ever looked forward to an event that turned out to be less than you had hoped? How did you respond?*

Opening Prayer

Song (optional)

Reflection on Scripture

Have someone read: *Isaiah 1:1; 10-20*

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)

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Monday

Read: *Isaiah 1:1;10-12 God's displeasure*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *How do you feel about God's comparison of us with the people of Sodom and Gomorrah? (Genesis 18:1-19:29)*
2. *Reflect on a worship experience that really moved you. What touched your heart?*

Prayer Focus It's hard for us to hear your anger, God. Even if we come to church, and give to the church, you say you don't want what we bring to worship. Show us where we trample your house. Remind us of why we are there: because of your love and forgiveness.

Tuesday

Read: *Isaiah 1:13-15 Empty worship*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *What would our lives be like if God refused to deal with us? If God refused to listen or answer prayers?*
2. *Reflect on a time when a worship experience left you empty or cold. What was it about that time that didn't fulfill you?*

Prayer Focus God of all power, you are the speaker for everyone left out of our mercy, generosity, and concern. We acknowledge that we fail to hear them, even as we pray to you. We see how hollow our worship is when we fail to offer the love and justice you so generously give to us.