

GROWTH GUIDE

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THE WEARY WORLD REJOICES
Hope for the Weary | ISAIAH 58:1-12
FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 28, 2021

SERMON OUTLINE

1. A picture of brokenness. Isaiah 58:1-10a
2. A picture of hope. Isaiah 58:10b-12
 - a. Light in the darkness. Isaiah 58:10b
 - b. Satisfaction in the longing. Isaiah 58:11a
 - c. Water in the desert. Isaiah 58:11b
 - d. Restoration in the destruction. Isaiah 58:12

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Read Isaiah 58:1-12. Looking back at the passage and your notes, is there anything that encouraged, challenged, or confused you?
2. What was happening in Israel at the time of Isaiah 58:1-12? What was the original purpose for practices like fasting? How does knowing the original audience's circumstances inform how we understand Isaiah 58 and draw out application for our own lives?
3. Re-read Isaiah 58:10-12 and points a.-d. above. Which picture of hope speaks most to you and why?
4. Oftentimes we pray for deliverance in the midst of trials. In Isaiah 58:11a we also see that we should pray for and God can provide satisfaction in the midst of difficulty. Which is your natural inclination, praying for deliverance or satisfaction in the trial? Why do you think that is?
5. Isaiah 58:12 is not just a picture of the physical restoration of Israel but also a spiritual restoration and changing of hearts. Share examples from Scripture or from your own life of God restoring and redeeming what is broken. How can this provide hope in our weariness?

BREAKOUT DISCUSSION

1. Would you describe your current circumstances as dark? If so, how does Jesus provide light and guidance (Isaiah 58:11) to your specific circumstances?
2. Isaiah 58:1-9 shows us that God wants both our actions and our heart attuned to His will. Is there an area of your life where your actions don't come from a righteous heart or your heart hasn't led to righteous actions? If so, what should you do in response?

PRAYER POINTS

1. Pray that in midst of weariness in this life that we would look to Jesus for rest and our ultimate future hope.
2. Ask God to give our church contentment and loving hearts in the midst of our brokenness and trials.
3. Praise God that in the midst of whatever circumstances we can have hope knowing that God is with us.