

Living the Whole Gospel (Part 1)

Isaiah 58:1-12

Ice Breaker: If someone gave you \$1,000,000 – what would you do with the money?

BIG IDEA: The gospel isn't just about praying a prayer so we can go to heaven when we *die*. It's about entering into the Kingdom of God – and becoming part of a transformational movement that's in line with the prayer Jesus taught us to pray: "Your Kingdom come, Your will be done – on *earth* as it is in heaven."

Digging Deeper:

- 1) Read Isaiah 58:1-5. Why are God's people so upset with God? Why is God so upset with His people's religion? Do you think there are "religious things" we do (as individuals or as a church) that have mostly become about us – for which God isn't all that impressed?
- 2) Read Isaiah 58:6-7. What are the things God says He is looking for from His people? What does this tell us about God's heart for the poor and marginalized? What do these verses tell us about how to live out our faith? How do you think the church is doing in living out these verses?
- 3) Read Isaiah 58:8-12. What does God say He will do for His people – if we live out our faith the way He calls us to live it out? What effect do you think us living out Isaiah 58 might have on those around us – who aren't yet followers of Jesus?
- 4) What's something you and/or your life group could be doing to live out Isaiah 58? Spend some time sharing with each other and brainstorming about what God might have your group do.
- 5) Spend some time praying for our "Be the Church" Sunday (October 3) – that as our church family serves the needs of our Valley – that God's "light would rise in the darkness." (Isaiah 58:10)