



SMALL GROUPS | CURRICULUM

SERMON TITLE

Breakforth: A Vision For Our City And The Nation

DATE

September 11, 2016

Tools: pen, pencils, your notes from the sermon

Read Isaiah 58: marking all the references too **fast, fasting.**

Context: What message does God want Isaiah to give to Israel?
Why is Israel's' fasting not acceptable to God?

Read: Isaiah 7:14, 9:6 – 7, 11: 11 – 12, Chapter 52 and 53, 61:1 – 3
Of whom do these verses speak?

With these verses in mind, what was the mission of Isaiah to Israel?
Who was God calling to fix their eyes on the redeemer?
What was God's complaint about worship on the Sabbath in verse 13?

Pastor Kevin gave us 3 things God seeks from us:

1. God seeks true worship from His people (v1-5)

A. How does your worship change your behaviour?

Pastor gave 5 reasons we can know if our worship is changing our behaviour:
Note: do not approach this list legalistically but rather as a pursue towards growth.

1. Growing love for God
2. Growing love for God's word
3. Growing passion for prayer
4. Growing desire for personal holiness
5. Growing love for the lost

B. In which area does your behaviour need the greatest change? What is your motivation for change? What has it been?

C. What in v.7 supports the principle that genuine worship of God must lead us to genuine care for people?

D. Read: cross-references Matthew 5:16 and Titus 2:14. What is part of God's will for you in salvation?

2. God's heart is for freedom for all v.6-7

A. How is the freedom seen in verses 6-7 different from the freedom social justice seeks to give? Also consider Matthew 25:31–40.

B. How must your faith in the gospel change your view of social justice?

C. What type of freedom are you offering your family, friends, co-workers, and neighbours?

3. God will work for us when we embrace His heart v.8– 14.

A. Read: v.8-1 and mark all the "shall", and "will".

B. Discuss what God promises to do when you embrace his heart?

C. Is your redemptive heart displaying God's character to others and if so how? Discuss how you can pray, dream, go and give to reach Brantford and 120,000 of the Brantford Metro Area by 2020.

MEMORY VERSE:

Isaiah 58:13 – 14 "If you turn back your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on my holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the Lord honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, or seeking your own pleasure, or talking idly; then you shall take delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

Men/Women Accountability:

When you think of worshiping God what stands out to you and how it is changing your behaviour?