

Message Notes

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Message Outline

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I. Introduction

- A. TMI
- B. Three ideas and a reward

II. Purpose

- A. God's plan
- B. Divine image—Harmony
- C. Broken world—Dissidents
- D. Shalom—Wholeness out of brokenness

III. Redemption

- A. Lent
- B. To buy back
- C. Restoration – physical and spiritual
- D. Mission

IV. Lifewater

- A. Both physical and spiritual
- B. The need
- C. The solution

Growth Group Understanding Questions

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1. What exactly is the “fast” mentioned in Isaiah 58:6-7? What is involved in this?
2. What are the promises attached to obedience in 58:8-11?
3. What is 58:12 about? Is the renewal we labor for just individual or is it cultural?
4. What does this passage reveal about God’s heart? Who is God for? How do our hearts line up with God’s heart?

Growth Group Application Questions

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1. Do you believe the spiritual and physical are related? Why? Why not? If yes, what is the relationship between physical healing and spiritual healing?
2. How do you define the word “missionary”? Why?
3. If Grace is a purpose driven church, what is that purpose and how could we be doing a better job?
4. How do the three words, “purpose”, “redemption” and “Lifewater” relate? Who got the Starbucks card anyway?
5. How do you see yourself being part of God’s plan and purpose?
6. Why do you think the scriptures talk so much about the poor and the oppressed?
7. The person asking for your loose change on the corner has a presenting problem, but that probably is not the root cause of their problem. How do you think you and the church should address the root causes of the problem? Or is that our call?