



A Lifestyle of Revival

May 5 | Weekly Devotionals

OPEN WITH PRAYER

Begin this devotional exercise by finding a quiet place where you can spend time with God in his Word. Before reading, pray that the Holy Spirit would open your eyes and heart to what God wants to say to you through his Word.

READ Isaiah 58.

- Read **Isaiah 58** once through. What observations do you have from this text? Who is speaking? Who is being spoken to? What is being challenged in this chapter? Jot everything you notice in the space below.

- Now, read this text a second time noting what you think that the main theme of the passage is. What is God trying to teach his people? Write that in the space below.

- Read the passage through one last time. Pray to God any final takeaways you have from this third and final reading. What applications does this have for you personally?

REFLECT

- How is Israel's shallow worship exposed in **Isaiah 58:1-5**? Re-read **verses 6-7**. What does true worship of God consist of according to these verses? How would you say these verses challenge you personally and your own life of faith? Explain.
- In what ways are you tempted to live a privatized spirituality divorced from any engagement with those in need in our community? What does that privatized spirituality look like in your life? In other words, what does that consist of?
- How would you describe your heart posture towards serving and loving those who are marginalized in our society? How would you describe your level of engagement with the poor in our community/world?
- In what ways do you need to re-arrange your life to be more open to engagement with those in need in our world?

PRAY ISAIAH 58

Like last week, take anything that you reflected on above and pray that to God. Next, take a moment to stew on Isaiah 58 one last time. Simply read the passage, and then paraphrase it in your own words as a prayer to God. Use the ideas, vocabulary, etc. found in that passage to form your personal prayer around.