

Sunday, December 9, 2018 - "Impact 2018: All In - Week 3" - Doug Kempton

Key Passages: Isaiah 58:1-14, Zechariah 7:4-10, Isaiah 61:8, Amos 5:24, Malachi 6:8, Proverbs 31:8

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message

**Main Ideas**

- Who God is...how that affects what God expects of us
- "What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us" - Tozer
- Isaiah 58:1-14 (Really a case study on human behavior)
- It feels like the people are getting some thing right (v1-4)
  - But something is off
  - There is a block between them and God
  - They were doing a lot and missed the heart of God...this can be true of us as well
  - God is inviting us into a life changing give and take relationship WITH Him and not FOR Him
- All throughout scripture and history God has great compassion and love for the MOST VULNERABLE
- Essentially God said to his people and is saying to us "If you loved me, you would love what I love."
- God desires for us to move towards those who are in need
  - Zechariah 7:4-10 (they were in captivity and doing religion to get God help them)
  - We can do this too...doing things for God so that he will do things for us
  - When we oppress or neglect those in need or only act for our betterment we insult God (Proverbs 14:31)
- God identifies with the poor and oppressed
  - Isaiah 61:8, Amos 5:24
  - "I the Lord love justice"
- What is justice? (sometimes it's easier to know what is an injustice)
  - Malachi 6:8
  - to do justice is to do whatever we are able to do to end injustice
  - 3 ways
    - 1) Equal treatment (Leviticus 24:22)
    - 2) Advocacy (Proverbs 31:8 - We use what we have for the benefit of others)
    - 3) Generosity (Isaiah 58:10 - pour yourself out...spend yourself)
- "Our motivation is not duty but beauty" - Tim Keller
- Because of God's great love and compassion for us we look towards the good and benefit of others
- The movement of God starts with an invitation...TO DO JUSTICE

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. When was a time that you got caught up in just doing religious things and missed the heart of God?
2. What has God taught you about His heart for the people you come across on a daily basis?
3. How is God calling you to be a part of justice through 1) equal treatment 2) advocacy or 3) generosity
4. When was a time you struggled with doing something for God just so he would do something for you? How has he shifted the way you think or act?
5. What does the Tim Keller quote "Our motivation is not duty but beauty" mean to you personally?
6. Be as practical as you can. How is God calling you to do justice in your context or community?
7. What is God inviting you into as a result of this passage or sermon?

**\*\*15 Minutes with God Reading Plan-**

**Mon: Genesis 46 Tues: Genesis 47 Wed: Genesis 48 Thurs: Genesis 49 Fri: Genesis 50**

**Songs from the weekend: [Joy to the World - Hillsong Worship] - [Your Great Name - Todd Dulaney] - [Everlasting God - William Murphy] - [Waymaker - Sinach] - [Made A Way - Travis Greene]**