



## Questions for the Week of February 10, 2019 To Love is To Act

**I.** Getting Started (20 min): What are some ways that God has surprised you in some way? Has He ever shocked you in some capacity? If so, how? Do you think that being surprised by God, or perhaps even shocked, should be a somewhat normative experience? Why or why not?

**II.** Getting into the Bible (45 min):

**A.** Read Isaiah 58:1-14

- What is Isaiah told to do, and in what manner? (vs. 1)
- How is Jerusalem characterized? Did they seek God? (vs. 2)
- Why were the people puzzled? (vs. 3)
- What was God's answer to their puzzlement? (vs. 3)
- What was the purpose in their fasting – as opposed to its genuine purpose? (vs 4)
- How did God view their fasting and why? (vs. 5)
- What kind of fasting did God require? (vs. 6-7)
- When they repent and heed the plight of the poor, what will result? (vs. 8-9)
- How are their misdeeds described? (vs. 9)
- How is God's desire of them described? (vs. 10)
- Who will be their guide and what will he do for them? (vs. 10-11)
- What will they and their descendants do and what will be their reputation? (vs. 12)
- What must they do to "delight themselves in the Lord?" (vs. 13-14)

- What does this text reveal about God?
- Do you learn anything about humanity from reading this chapter?
- What, if anything, surprises you from this chapter?
- How might the Israelites have been surprised, even taken aback, by what the Lord spoke to them through this text?

**III.** Prayer: Pray for your group and for your group's missionary.

**IV.** Response: How might the Lord be prompting you to respond to some aspect of Sunday's sermon or tonight's discussion? Is there some step of obedience to which He is calling you?