Small Group Guide: Isaiah 58:1-6
***When We See God* - 11/01/26**

1. Intro: Going Through the Motions

The Israelites were still attending religious gatherings, offering sacrifices, and praying, but their hearts were far from God. What are some ways we can fall into the trap of going through the motions in our relationship with God? How can we recognize when our religious activity is replacing genuine intimacy with Him?

2. God's Patience and Our Repentance

The message reminds us that God's silence is evidence of His patience, not His tolerance of our sin. Read Isaiah 1:18-20 What is repentance? What would repentance look like when you consider the metaphors of the Father in Isaiah chapter 1, and the vineyard owner in chapter 5? Now read James 1:22-27 and 2:14-26. Talk about the connection between faith, repentance and life change. What's an area of your life where God is inviting you to repentance?

3. Recognizing Bad Fruit (Isaiah 5:8–23)

Isaiah identifies six areas of bad fruit: greed, lust, immorality, redefining sin, pride, and social injustice. Why do you think we overlook or justify these things so easily as Christ followers? Where do you see yourself in these verses?

4. Encountering God's Holiness (Isaiah 6:1–7)

When Isaiah encountered God's holiness, he immediately became aware of his own sinfulness. Why do you think seeing God more clearly helps us see ourselves more honestly? What could you do to incorporate examination and confession into your regular spiritual practice?

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