

The Gospel According to Isaiah
From **RUIN** To **REDEMPTION**



Small Group Questions

Message: “Rebuilding what We’ve Ruined.”

Speaker: Pastor Dave Hentschel

Series: “From Ruin to Redemption.”

Date: 12/14/25

Text: Isa 58:1-14

1. **What stood out to you most in Isaiah 58, and why do you think God speaks so strongly to His people in this chapter?**
2. **In what ways can religious activity (church attendance, serving, fasting, reading) become disconnected from God’s heart for justice?**
Where does this temptation show up in your own life?
3. **Isaiah 58 shows people who appear very spiritual—but God is not pleased with their worship.**
Why does God reject worship that ignores justice and compassion?
4. **“The fast God chooses” involves loosening bonds, removing burdens, sharing bread, welcoming the vulnerable.**
Which one of these feels most natural to you? Which feels most challenging?
5. **How does the church today sometimes emphasize Truth at the expense of Mercy, or Justice at the expense of Peace?**
Where do you personally tend to lean?
6. **In the skit, Truth, Mercy, Justice, and Peace express fears about being misused or manipulated. Which of their insights resonated with you most, and why?**
7. **God promises that when His people pursue justice, they become “repairers of broken walls” and “restorers of streets.”**
What might that look like in your community, workplace, or family?
8. **Why is it impossible to do biblical justice well without the gospel at the center?**
How does the cross bring Truth, Mercy, Justice, and Peace together?
9. **What obstacles keep believers from engaging in the kind of justice Isaiah 58 describes—fear, busyness, politics, comfort, or discouragement?**
How can we overcome these?
10. **What is one practical step your small group (or each person individually) can take this month to “do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God” in a way that reflects Jesus?**

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