

Change of Heart

Isaiah 58: 6-12

Matthew 5:13-20

Re-read the scripture as a group.

Is there a family member or friend that is difficult to deal with at reunions or gatherings? How do you deal with them?

Do you agree with JD... is Good Friday the most important day of the year?

- If not, which one

Fasting is a good idea. But Isaiah 58 tells us what God is pleased with when we fast. He is happy when we are a missionary to make things right in the world. To bring peace.

Going without food is not enough unless you love, build, and serve.

- Can you fast like God wants us to?
- What stands in your way?
- What would make it easier?

The Pharisees were the bad guys in the New Testament. However, they were very serious. About many things... worship, form, ritual. They were also the minimum requirement of righteousness according to Jesus.

- How do you react to this?
- What do you see when you look at yourself?

Our religion and ritual can separate us not draw us closer. When we set the rules we can destroy not feed us.

- How do you react to God when He sets the standard? Angry? Frustrated? Scared?
- How can we change and recognize God should set the rules and not us?

What will we become if we allow ourselves to be changed... not from the horrible but the average?

- To be more in love with God and allow ourselves to be ruled by Him and not just go through the motions?

God's hands testify that He gave it all, not just the least. Fully exhausted every way of showing His love.

- How do we react to that?
- How will this change you?

Jesus says you ARE the salt and light... Not WILL be...
Go and act that way. Let God change you and be bold salt and light.