

Text: Isaiah 58:3-7, NIV

What in Society Grieves God?

- Exploitation and _____ grieve God.
- God is grieved by quarreling and _____.
- God is grieved by _____.
- God is grieved by _____ and poverty.

Overcoming the Privatization of Our Faith

- There are _____ to privatizing our faith.
- Our faithful obedience to God has a _____ on society.

The Role Fasting Plays in Improving Society

- Fasting helps us become aware of _____.
- Fasting develops God's _____.
- Fasting motivates _____.

Life Enrichment

What about today's teaching challenged, disturbed, or encouraged you?

- What are some examples of oppression, injustice, and exploitation in American society?
- Of the four societal qualities that grieve God, which do we see in Dickinson County (give specific examples)?
- Why is God grieved by these activities? How do they impact our immediate surroundings?
- Give some examples of privatization. Why is privatizing our faith so dangerous?
- How does a privatized Christian faith view sin? Obedience? How does this fall short of the biblical perspective?
- In Isaiah 58, God indicates that our fasting should impact society. What are some ways participation in fasting motivates us to bring God's values to our community?
- Thinking about how the grieving qualities are demonstrated in our community, what can we do to help people who are suffering under their influence?
- What are some ways we can help bring more heaven to earth in Dickinson County (see Matt 6:10)?