

PRACTICES THAT TRANSFORM YOU

## STUDY GUIDE | JANUARY 17, 2021

# **REALIGN YOUR LIFE: FASTING**

#### THE POINTS FROM THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE WERE:

- Fasting frees us to pursue the way of the Lord.
- Fasting exposes what is controlling us.
- Fasting expresses our commitment to change in light of God's truth.
- Fasting embodies God's compassion, generosity, and justice.

#### **LET'S TALK**

- 1. What impacted you the most from this week's message?
- 2. Have you ever tried fasting? If so, what motivated you? What was the experience like?
- 3. Read Matthew 4:1-11. How do you think Jesus' time of fasting enabled him to overcome temptation?
- 4. Pastor Andrew says that fasting frees us to pursue the way of the Lord. What is something you'd like to be more free from? What is something you'd like to be more free to do?
- 5. Read Isaiah 58:3-7. What warnings about fasting do we see here?
- 6. Pastor Andrew shares three ways fasting frees us to pursue the way of the Lord.
  - a. Fasting exposes what is controlling us.
  - b. Fasting expresses our commitment to change in light of God's truth.
  - c. Fasting embodies God's compassion, generosity and justice.

Which of these three reasons reasonates with you the most?

7. What is one thing you can fast from to free you to pursue Jesus more this week?

Download the Fasting Guide Sheet and consider doing a fast this week

### **LET'S PRAY**

Spend some time in prayer (for each other, for our community and for the world).

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