



## Small Group Discussion Questions Following the Weekend of November 7-8, 2020

Please don't feel you have to answer every question.

### ***Feeding the Hungry*** **Stetson Beaman, NextGen & Teaching Pastor**

#### **Icebreaker**

As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up, and why?

What aspects of that dream became reality, and which took another direction?

How do you feel about the pathway on which life has ultimately taken you?

#### **Group Interaction & Application**

Read aloud Isaiah 58:6-9 a couple of times, in different Bible translations if possible.

What words, phrases, or insights stand out to you from these verses, or create some intrigue for you ... specifically verse 7?

What uniquely spoke to you from Pastor Stetson's message, or perhaps raised some questions or created some push-back for you?

What emotions do you tend to experience, or what's your "Yeah, but ...," when you hear a message like this?

From your perspective, how does the focus of this week's message fit in with the overall theme of "healing justice" we're currently exploring in Isaiah 58?

What's your response to the following statement, considering what we read in verse 7 or Deuteronomy 15:7-8?

*"When God gives someone an abundance of something, for them to not give out of that abundance to someone who needs it would not simply be missing God's heart, to Him it would also be unjust."*

What does this statement and the above verses communicate about what God longs to accomplish through His people?

In his message, Pastor Stetson addressed three excuses we often give when we're presented with the opportunity to help someone in need:

- 1. If they just apply themselves and work hard at finding a job, they could get themselves out of their situation. Why would I help them if they can help themselves?*
- 2. If I give them something, they'll misuse it. They'll spend it on things they don't need. They're probably lying about some sob story to take advantage of my generosity. They're selfish and greedy.*
- 3. What I have to give won't solve their problem. A few bucks, a hamburger, etc. won't really help them. They have too complex of a problem.*

Be honest ... how often have you found yourself defaulting to one of these, or other, excuses? And how do you feel about it?

For each of these excuses, what's the reality or complete truth we're often not considering? And how would Jesus want us to be responding in contrast to this excuse?

Read aloud Matthew 25:35-40. What do these verses add to the discussion about helping people in need, and what does it imply in general and to you personally?

What one thing did you most need to hear or be reminded of this week from the message and group discussion ... or specific thing you're being prompted to do in response?

Conclude by praying for one another in applying this week's insights and Spirit-promptings, as well as for general needs and concerns.

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