

The Heartbeat of God

LifeGroup Discussion Guide

Opening Prayer

Key Takeaways:

- 1. God's heartbeat is for justice, compassion, and serving the vulnerable.
- 2. True worship extends beyond the sanctuary into how we serve our community.
- 3. When we live out God's heartbeat, we experience His blessing and become rebuilders, repairers, and restorers.
- 4. The church is called to be a "center of holy fire" in the city, actively working for its peace and prosperity.

Discussion Questions:

- 1. What stood out to you most from the sermon? Why?
- 2. The pastor mentioned Isaiah 58 and how it reveals God's heartbeat. How does this passage challenge or affirm your understanding of what God desires from His people?
- 3. Discuss the concept of the church being "rebuilders, repairers, and restorers" in the community. What might this look like practically in our city?
- 4. How do you react to the idea that true worship isn't just about what happens in church, but also about how we serve in our community?
- 5. The sermon mentioned Jesus' mission statement in Luke 4. How does this align with the way you've typically thought about Jesus' ministry?

- 6. What are some "places of brokenness, need, or hurt" that you see in our community? How might God be calling us to respond?
- 7. Which of the suggested levels of engagement (101 Prayer, 201 Fasting, 301 Adopt a Street, 401 Serve Day) feels most challenging or exciting to you? Why?

Practical Applications:

- 1. Commit to praying for our city regularly this week. Consider using the prayer points mentioned in the sermon.
- 2. Choose one way to "fast for the vulnerable" this week. Share your plan with the group.
- 3. As a group, consider "adopting" a nearby street or neighborhood to pray for and serve.
- 4. Discuss the possibility of participating in the upcoming Fostering Love Serve Day as a small group.
- 5. Identify one tangible way your group could be "rebuilders, repairers, or restorers" in your community this month.

Closing Prayer:

Close by praying for your city and for God to use your group to be a reflection of His heartbeat in your community.

