



Sermon Series: How to Improve Your Serve

Purpose: To prioritize what matters most, reorient ourselves toward others, and live out God's mission.

Today's Sermon: First Things First

Scripture Text: Isaiah 58:1-12; Luke 4:1-20

Isaiah 58:6-7 (NIV) "Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard. Then you will call, and the Lord will answer. You will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I."

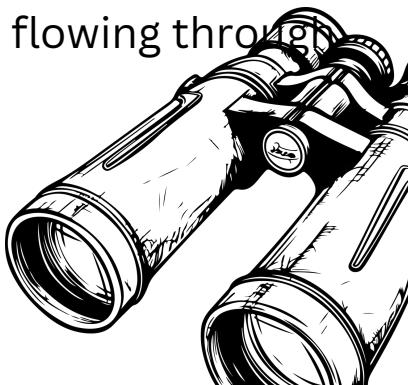
Question of the day: What if the greatest obstacle to faith isn't what Christians say they believe but what they don't do?

Truth for Today:

- Seeking God will shape how we show up for others.
- Sincerity is revealed by what we produce, not what we profess.
- God forms us inwardly so our faith can be lived outwardly.

Bottom Line:

"The evidence of God's work in us is seen when His love is flowing through us."



1: God values action over appearance. (Isaiah 58:1–5)

- Devotion to God may seem sincere, but without action, it accomplishes little.
- You cannot draw near to God and remain disconnected from need
- Drawing close to God always leads to compassion for others.

Application: Is my faith making me more attentive to people or more absorbed with myself?

2: God measures faithfulness by its fruit, not its form. (Isaiah 58:6–12)

- God connects faithfulness to mercy, justice, and generosity.
- Love for God is inseparable from love for neighbor.
- God evaluates devotion by what it changes, not what it claims.

Application: Meet a tangible need this week for someone who cannot repay you.

3: God prepares us privately so He can use us publicly. (Luke 4:1–2, 14–20)

- Private formation precedes public service.
- Devotion to God does not remove us from people.
It prepares us for them.
- Access to God fuels availability to others.

Application: Prayerfully commit to serving in a place where your faith can be practiced, not just professed.

