

NIV MEMORY VERSE: Isaiah 59:1**ISAIAH 26-1**

Surely the arm of the Lord is not too short
to save, nor his ear too dull to hear.

"HYPOCRISY EXPOSED . . . HELP EXTENDED"
READ ISAIAH 58:1-59:21

DAY 1 – READ THE LESSON SCRIPTURE

1. What was meaningful to you in last week's lesson/lecture?
- 2.a. Write the memory verse (Isaiah 59:1).
- b. God is actively involved in your life. Share a time when you've been very aware of that.

DAY 2 – READ Isaiah 58:1-9

- 3.a. Outwardly the people were trying to display their spirituality. How?
- b. What was their complaint?
- 4.a. Why was the effort unacceptable to the Lord?
- b. What do we learn about hypocrisy in Titus 1:16?
5. What kind of fasting pleased God?
- 6.a. Why do people fast today?
- b. How do you think Isaiah 58:7 expands the spiritual discipline of fasting?
- c. Of what are we reminded in Hosea 6:6?

. . . Micah 6:8?
7. Doing it "God's way" instead of "my way" results in what from Isaiah 58:8-9?

DAY 3 – READ Isaiah 58:10-14

- 8.a. As the exiles returned from Babylon, what was the Lord's encouragement for . . .
 . . . right living?
- . . . refreshment?
- . . . restoration?
- b. Share a time when the Lord's blessings left you feeling like "a well-watered garden."
- c. In your opinion, how can you overcome spiritual dryness?
- 9.a. Instead of ritualistic observance of the Sabbath, the people should call the Sabbath a _____.
- b. How do you think a person can devote a day to worship so that it is a spiritual delight and not a religious chore?
10. A right heart for God brings what in vs. 14?
11. "To feast on the inheritance of your father Jacob." God's people are blessed how according to Psalm 33:12?

DAY 4 – READ Isaiah 59:1-8

12. Feeling separated from God is . . .
 . . . not true because (vs.1)
- . . . true because (vs.2)
13. In vs. 1-8 match the following accusations of sin:
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| a. hands | _____ evil and violent |
| b. lips | _____ crooked and without peace |
| c. deeds | _____ stained with blood and guilt |
| d. feet | _____ conceive trouble and are evil |
| e. thoughts | _____ lying and spinning snares |
| f. paths | _____ rush to sin |

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DAY 4 (Continued) - READ Isaiah 59:1-8

14. The way of peace (vs.8) is destroyed by sin. What do you think those who want "world peace" really want?

How is that different from the peace God gives?

DAY 5 – READ Isaiah 59:9-21

15. What did Isaiah acknowledge as their spiritual condition in vs. 9-11?

. . . their guilt in vs. 12-13?

- 16.a. "no truth to be found, . . . no one to intervene." What was God's plan from these Scriptures?
Isaiah 59:17?

Isaiah 59:20?

Jeremiah 33:15-16?

- b. How do you think Jesus fulfilled the problems of "no truth to be found . . .no one to intervene?"

17. What did the Lord promise in Isaiah 59:21?

. . . in Matthew 24:35?

18. Summarize this lesson: What did God . . .
expose as their hypocrisy?

expect from His people?

express as His help?

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LECTURE NOTES:

PRAYER REQUESTS: