

The True Fast
Isaiah 58:1-12 :: March 14, 2010
Discussion Questions

Read Isaiah 58:1-12

1. What came to mind for you when you heard Wade use the term, “Convenient Christianity”? What are some examples of how we pursue religion for our own pleasure and comfort?
2. Wade pointed out that we often define sin as a failure of personal morality or a failure to believe the right doctrine. How does this passage stretch our understanding of sin?
3. What does the writer mean by breaking yokes? What are some of the yokes that need to be broken in St. Louis? Briefly brainstorm some ways that God’s people can be involved in breaking some of these yokes.
4. This past week conservative political commentator Glenn Beck was quoted as saying, “I beg you, look for the words ‘social justice’ or ‘economic justice’ on your church Web site. If you find it, run as fast as you can. Social justice and economic justice, they are code words.” Mr. Beck was claiming that these words are code language for, “Communism and Nazism.” How would you respond to these comments?
5. Read verse 7. What does it mean to “ignore your own flesh?” According to the passage, what is to motivate us to care for the poor and mistreated? What strategies do we tend to use to avoid these responsibilities?
6. Close with a time of prayer for our city and that God would give his people creative insight into the yokes that need to be broken and how God’s people can be a part of this work.