

DISCUSSION GUIDE

May 24th “Appalled” - Pastor Bryan James

Sermon Synopsis

Isaiah 59 deals with sin, confession, and redemption. Sin has obliterated the value system that God desires. God is appalled at sin. However, divine action leads us to confession and repentance. The redemptive plan of our Creator will not be thwarted, as our salvation through Christ begins the transformation of our heart from selfishness to selflessness.

WORSHIP: Read Psalm 66, then re-read 18-20 and pray that the Holy Spirit will illuminate and connect the ideal of this Psalm to the message within Isaiah 59.

WORD:

Read Isaiah 59:1-14

God is able, ready and willing to save us from our circumstances if we repent.

- How does our sin separate us from God?
- Why can't God just excuse or tolerate our sin?
- What are some obvious and not so obvious ways that we are selfish?
- How does our selfishness blind us from caring about peace, justice, and truth?

Read Isaiah 59:15-20

- Where and/or how do you see the Lord moving in the most unlikely places of your life? How is He re-gathering you to Himself and His purposes?

Read Isaiah 59:21

- How have you experienced the faithfulness of God, even when you have been unfaithful to keep His covenant?

WITNESS: We witnessed many people come to Christ for the first time and many come back to Christ during the services this week. Pause and pray for those recently adopted into the Kingdom and for God to reveal those who we have neglected to pray for lately.

We are offered an opportunity to exercise our faith by asking strangers if they have anything they need prayer for. Overcoming the fear of man is pleasing to the Holy Spirit who indwells in all who call Jesus our Lord and Savior. So this week, be bold and confident in Him and reach out (as led by the Holy Spirit) to a complete stranger to see if they would like you to pray for them.