



Men's Fraternity

Isaiah 58: "You Are a Lush Golf Course"

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FIRST TAKE

"High OR Low." Share your relational HIGH and LOW from the last week. (*This could be related to family, work, faith, etc.)

TEXT

Isaiah 58

Psalm 1

John 4:14

TAKEAWAY

1. The Gospel transforms us if we let Him have His way.
2. To become a well-watered garden, sturdy oak tree, fountain or lush golf course, you don't have to work hard. You just have to abide and stay with Jesus.
3. The reason God's work in us is always tied to our work with the poor is because Jesus is always out helping the poor so if we abide with Him, we get naturally pulled into His work.
4. Regardless of whether your life smells of sewer fumes or feels like a gravel pit, Jesus can transform you.

TALK (Take Notes from the Video)

TURN IT UP (Questions to talk through)

1. When Hugh talked about his 'regular guys' can you remember men who inspired you to walk with God? What was it about them that drew you to them?
2. When Hugh talked about not having to 'work' on helping the poor, but instead just abiding and letting Jesus take you to the poor, what hope did that give you? Have you had this happen to you yet?
3. What stood out to you about the CS Lewis quote?

"And now we begin to see what it is that the New Testament is always talking about. It talks about Christians 'being born again'; it talks about them 'putting on Christ'; about Christ 'being formed in us'; about our coming to 'have the mind of Christ'.

Put right out of your head the idea that these are only fancy ways of saying that Christians are to read what Christ said and try to carry it out—as a person may read what Plato or Marx said and try to carry it out. They mean something much more than that. They mean that a real Person, Christ, here and now, in that very room where you are saying your prayers, is doing things to you. It is not a question of a good man who died two thousand years ago. It is a living Man, still as much a human as you, and still as much God as He was when He created the world, really coming and interfering with your very self; killing the old natural self in you and replacing it with the kind of self He has. At first, only for moments. Then for longer periods. Finally, if all goes well, turning you permanently into a different sort of thing; into a new little Christ, a being which, in its own small way, has the same kind of life as God; which shares in His power, joy, knowledge and eternity."

~ C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

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