

BECOMING WELCOMING COMMUNITIES

Immigration in Light of Biblical Faith:
A Study Guide for Wisconsin Congregations



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Isaiah 58:6-12

Isn't this the fast I choose:

releasing wicked restraints,
untying the ropes of a yoke,
setting free the mistreated,
and breaking every yoke?

Isn't it sharing your bread with the hungry
and bringing the homeless poor into your house,
covering the naked when you see them,
and not hiding from your own family?

Then your light will break out like the dawn,
and you will be healed quickly.

Your own righteousness will walk before you,
and the Lord's glory will be your rear guard.

Then you will call, and the Lord will answer;
you will cry for help, and God will say, "I'm here."

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the finger-pointing, the wicked speech;
if you open your heart to the hungry,
and provide abundantly for those who are afflicted,
your light will shine in the darkness,
and your gloom will be like the noon.

The Lord will guide you continually
and provide for you, even in parched places.
He will rescue your bones.

You will be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water that won't run dry.

They will rebuild ancient ruins on your account;
the foundations of generations past you will restore.

You will be called Mender of Broken Walls,
Restorer of Livable Streets.