

# Sermon Discussion Guide

January 28, 2024

*Package Thieves*

Isaiah 58:1-9a

## Responses & Reactions

- What disturbed you, challenged you, or intrigued you in this week's message?

## Digging Deeper

- What makes a prayer a prayer? Is it possible to think that you are praying but to not actually be doing so?
- Meghan mentioned three specific package thieves highlighted in scripture (unforgiveness, injustice, sabbath-breaking) that can hinder our prayers. What other package thieves can you think of and how do they impact our ability to pray or to receive God's responses?

## Bringing it Home

- To what extent do you think you are carrying a performance-based notion of prayer? Do you ever hesitate to pray because you don't feel worthy of an answer?
- Which one of the three package thieves Meghan mentioned may be currently stealing some of the gifts God is trying to send you?