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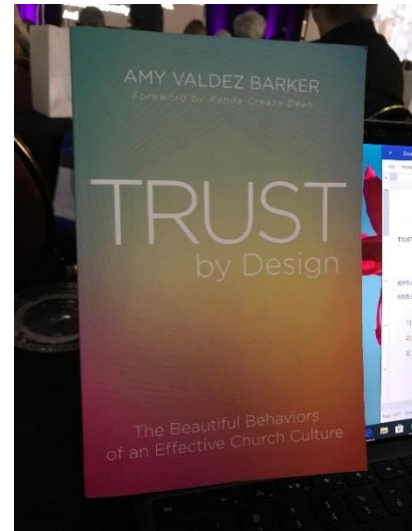
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ISAIAH 58:1-12

1) Trust through Faith: People of Israel - Historical Context of Isaiah

- Search the story of the people of Israel. God desires for the people to trust God and God's intention for creation. (Genesis 1:31)
- What stories of the Old Testament remind you of how God is inviting the people to put their trust in God?
- Why is Isaiah calling out the people of Israel who seem to be putting their trust in things of the world, rather than things of the Divine?
- How does Isaiah poetically bring the people back to God in this passage?

2) Trust through Faith: People of the early Church

- The value of being “The Repairer of Broken Walls” and the “Restorer of Livable Streets.”
- The people of the early church built walls AND they worked at tearing them down.
- In what ways have walls been used for good? In what ways have walls been used as negative barriers?
- How has the Christian Church throughout time built walls that have kept people from coming to know Christ? Trust in Christ? And trust in the Church?
- What does the “Western Wall” symbolize for people of the Jewish faith?
- How does Christ symbolize the “livable streets” for people of the Christian faith?

3) Trust through Faith: People of our world today