

NEW: FINDING YOUR HUMANITY

NEW HUNGER

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• You are what you <u>eat</u> and <u>drink</u>, therefore, feed on the <u>bread of life</u>, and drink the living <u>water</u>. (John 6:35 NIV, John 4:13-14 NIV)

HOW DO WE DO THIS?

• By learning the ancient spiritual discipline of <u>fasting</u>. (Matthew 6:16-18 NIV)

WHAT IS FASTING?

- Fasting from <u>food</u> is going without food from one day's <u>evening meal</u> to the next day's evening meal, skipping food at breakfast and midday.
- Fasting is a spiritual discipline in which we focus our heart, mind, soul, and strength on <u>Jesus</u>.

WHY DO WE FAST?

WE FAST...

- 1. In response to the <u>redemptive work</u> of Jesus on our behalf. (Leviticus 16:29-30 NIV, Hebrews 4:14-16 NIV, Hebrews 10:10 NIV, Hebrews 10:14; 18 NIV
- 2. In response to the horrific plight of our fallen world. (Psalms 35:12-14 NIV)
- 3. In response to doing <u>justice</u>, caring for the <u>poor</u>, and providing food for the <u>hungry</u>. (Isaiah 58:3-4 NIV, 6-7 NIV, 9-10 NIV

Soul-tattoo: Participate in <u>communion</u> and start <u>fasting</u>.