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Mostly what God does is love you. Keep company with him and learn a life of love. Observe how Christ loved us. His love was not cautious but extravagant. He didn't love in order to get something from us but to give everything of himself to us. Love like that.

–*Ephesians 5:2 (MSG)*

Music from this week:

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Beautiful Things [*Gungor*]; Your Glory, All The Poor and
Powerless [*Hillsong*]

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Isaiah: The Majesty of God – Empty or False Religion

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Isaiah 58:1-12

True Religion

The primary theme of Scripture: God's desire is to _____ his good, just, and loving _____ in and through _____.

A problem...

Some good news...

Another problem...

Spiritual formation: Our continuing _____ to the reality of God's _____ shaping us into the likeness of _____, through the work of the Holy Spirit, in the _____ of faith, for the sake of the _____.

Spiritual practices: Regular activities that _____ _____ to the work of God's grace in our lives.

A problem...empty religion

The goal of spiritual practices is so that God can do something _____ us.

Verses 1-5

Verses 6-12

Further Reflection: Observation: Ask God to give you eyes to see where his good, just, and loving community is not present. Invitation: Listen for the Holy Spirit's invitation as to where and how he is asking you to step in. Cooperation: Step in and notice the fulfillment that comes from partnering with God in his purpose for humanity.