



**October 10 and 13**  
**"Counterfeit Worship"**  
**Randy Larson**

**PRIMARY SCRIPTURE:**

**Isaiah 29:13-16**

**SECONDARY SCRIPTURE:**

**Isaiah 1:13-16, Matthew 5:24, 22:36-40, 25:40-45**

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

1. What was the highlight of your week? What do you enjoy most about the Fall season?
2. In order to tell the difference between an authentic dollar bill and a counterfeit you have to know what to look for. Pull out some paper money and discuss the unique ways the U.S. Government builds into the money to assure us of authenticity.
3. In Isaiah, God is fuming with anger over counterfeit worship. What are some clues from the text that explain what made their worship hollow and void?
4. Randy mentioned in his sermon that authentic worship is a response to who God is and what He has done for us, but counterfeit worship is a religious strategy used to convince God to do what we want. Discuss ways these approaches can look the same on the surface, but be drastically different in intention?
5. Why do you think God is so angry in Isaiah chapter 1? Why is He sick of their prayers and worship meetings? How can we make sure we don't make the same mistakes they did?
6. Randy mentioned that we can't love God with our heart, mind, soul, and strength and at the same time ignore, neglect, and take advantage of our neighbors. What are some ways your group can move towards your neighbors as an act of worship?