



## Resources

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## Isaiah 55

[1] "Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. [2] Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. [3] Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. [4] Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. [5] Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

[6] "Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; [7] let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. [8] For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. [9] For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

[10] "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, [11] so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

[12] "For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. [13] Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

## Sermon Outline:

1. Come to the Lord and be Satisfied (1-5)
2. Seek the Lord and be Forgiven (6-11)
3. Celebration with all Creation in God's Triumph (12-13)

## Life Group Leader Notes:





- What were your main takeaways from the sermon this week? How did the Lord convict, challenge, or inspire you?
- Have you ever made the connection between Isaiah 53 and 55? If these texts are unfamiliar to the group, take some time reading these chapters. Could there have been an invitation to a feast in chapter 55 without the salvation of the suffering servant in chapter 53? Why or why not? (Make sure to come back to this point often in your discussion - it is only through the work of Christ that we can come to the table).
- The invitation in verse 1 is to those who have no money. They are invited to come and *buy*. Pastor Josh explained that they are to *buy in* - to fully commit to the way of the Lord. Why do you think this is addressed to those who have nothing? Why is it harder to “buy in” to the Lord’s way when you have plenty of worldly capital?
- Pastor Josh said that thirst is an opportunity. It reminds us that we need something *outside of ourselves* to be satisfied. Are you ever tempted to look inside yourself to satisfy your spiritual thirst? Why is this a futile pursuit? Would Isaiah 55 be a good text to study with a non-believing friend?
- In verse 2, Isaiah asks: “Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?” What kind of worldly food have you tried? Did it quench your thirst? (It might be good to make the connection with the woman at the well in John chapter 4).
- In verses 6-7, Isaiah says: “*Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.*” If you have been gorging on junk food, Isaiah calls you to repent. How did the Lord convict you to repent in light of this text?
- How has the Lord filled your spirit in the Scripture this week? Do you hunger for the Word of God? If not, could it be that you are filling yourself with junk food?

