

ISAIAH

Discussion Guide

November 27/28 Sermon | Isaiah 55:1-13

UNDERSTAND THEIR STORY

As we seek to understand the story of the people of Israel in this text, we'll look at the problems being addressed and the 2 sets of imperatives (commands) that are given to them

1. Read Isaiah 55:1-5.

Why should they pay attention to God and lift up their eyes to God?

- a. What is the solution? How will obeying these commands solve the problem?

2. Read Isaiah 55:6-13

What is the problem being confronted in these verses?

- a. What is the solution? How will obeying these commands solve the problem?

CONNECT TO HIS STORY

1. Read John 4:1-15. How does Jesus draw on imagery from Isaiah 55:1-3?

- a. What is he offering? And what does his offer signify (eg. what does the water symbolize)?

2. Now read John 4:16-24. How does Jesus draw on imagery from Isaiah 55:4-7?

- a. How does Isaiah 55:4-5 connect with the story in John 4:16-24?

- b. How does Isaiah 55:6-7 connect with the story in John 4:16-24?

APPLY TO OUR STORY

The picture Isaiah paints of the future is incredibly hopeful.

1. How does Isaiah's vision of the future (vv.12-13) compare to yours?

2. How do you understand the Christian hope?

3. What is something you are looking forward to as part of New Creation?

The promise of Isaiah 55:6-7 is that full and free pardon is available to anyone who seeks the Lord.

4. The first step of course is seeking the Lord, when was the last time you confessed a sin struggle to the Lord? What about confessing to other Christians?

5. Break into groups of 2-3 people and spend some time in confession:
 - a. What is an area of your life you have experienced victory against sin in the past?

 - b. What is a current growth area for you?

Prayer

Close in prayer for the confessions of the people in your smaller groups:

Adoration: What can you praise God for, as a result of studying this text?

Confession: What might you need to confess to God as a result of studying this text?

Supplication: What can you ask God for, as a result of studying this text?