

Life Group Discussion Guide

Isaiah: Yahweh Alone Is God

Week 16: Come. Come. Come. Come! • Isaiah 55

Read **Isaiah 55** together. Focus on recurring themes, words, and phrases. As you reflect on this passage and Pastor Jon's message, what are your initial impressions or takeaways? What stood out to you most?

Come without money

Isaiah 55:1-5 - God invites everyone who is thirsty to come to the waters and those who have no money to come, buy, and eat without cost. The emphasis is on the generosity and abundance of God's provision, which is freely given to all who seek it. The Lord promises an everlasting covenant and the faithful love, showing that his mercy and grace are available to all.

- What does it mean to come to the waters without money?
- How does this invitation challenge the way we view our own worthiness before God?
- What practical steps can we take to improve our listening to God?

Be freely pardoned

Isaiah 55:6-11 - Seek the Lord while he may be found and call on him while he is near. God is ready to forgive and freely pardon those who turn to him. God's ways and thoughts are higher than ours, and his word will accomplish what he desires and achieve the purpose for which he sent it.

- Pastor Jon said, "you can't seek the Lord and call on him indefinitely. You can do these things only **while he may be found, while he is near.**" What are the three circumstances he described when God cannot be found?
- Spend a few moments in silent confession, acknowledging the times you've tried to earn God's favor instead of accepting his free gift.
- In what ways can we share the message of God's free pardon with others?

Go out in joy

Isaiah 55:12-13 - Those who respond to God's call will go out in joy and be led forth in peace. Creation itself will join in celebrating the redemption of God's people. Instead of the thornbush will grow the juniper, and instead of briars, the myrtle will grow, symbolizing transformation and renewal.

- What does being "led forth in peace" look like? What biblical examples show being led forth in peace?
- What are some other scriptures that highlight the relationship between creation and God's work?

Come empty-handed to the Lord

The overarching message of Isaiah 55 is that we are to come to God without pretense or offerings, acknowledging that we bring nothing of value but ourselves. It is an invitation to accept God's grace, which is not earned but freely given.

- What does it mean to come to the Lord empty-handed?
- How can we rid ourselves of the notion that we need to earn God's grace?

