

BETHEL SOUTHWEST SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Isaiah 55:6–13 – 04/28/24

STOP AND PRAY

Holy Spirit, open my heart and my mind to Your truth today! Then help me to be a Doer of the Word and not a Hearer only!

- 1) What way is easier for you to intake God's Word? Personal reading or hearing from another?

Read Isaiah 55:6-7

- 2) What are the two commands that verse 6 opens with? How do the commands tell us to live this out?

- 3) How do we know that the Lord will always be compassionate and forgiving when we come to Him?

Read Isaiah 55:8-9

- 4) Why does this passage tell us to forsake our own thoughts and ways for God's? What are the areas we may be tempted to think our thoughts and our ways are better than God's?

5) What are some of the ways that we allow God's thoughts to permeate ours so we can truly follow them?

Read Isaiah 55:10-11

6) What does it mean that the words from God's mouth will not return empty? (v 11) How can this still be true when we are not seeing the response to God's Word that we want from those hearing it?

Read Isaiah 55:12-13

7) What are some of the images Isaiah uses to describe the results of hearing God's Word? What picture does this paint of the effect God's Word has on us?

8) How can we balance both hearing the word, and reading the word, to fully partake of the gift that God has given us in Scripture?

Take time to pray for each other.

Use this prayer as the theme of your prayer time: "*Father in Heaven, thank you for the gift of your Word! Thank you that you give us so many ways to read, hear, and study your Word. Help me to submit my thoughts and my ways to yours. Guide me by your word and lead me in the paths of life!*"