
Small Group Discussion Guide — August 3, 2025

- Series: Isaiah's Voice
 - Sermon: The High Way
 - Scripture: Isaiah 55:7-13 (NLT)
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FOLLOW-UP FROM LAST WEEK

How have you sat with the idea this week that "you are not a catch for God"? How hard or easy is this for you to accept? What have you heard the Lord saying to you during this week regarding His choosing you as His child?

CONNECT

1. What stood out for you from this week's service, and why?
2. Share one highlight from your summer.

ENGAGE

Read Isaiah 55:7-13

1. Focus on v. 7. What does it mean that God forgives "generously," and how does that contrast with human forgiveness?
2. In vv. 8-9, trust in God emerges as a key theme. Can you think of a time when God's plan or response didn't make sense to you at first—but later you saw His wisdom in it? How does this verse help you trust God when His ways may feel confusing or unexpected?
3. Verses 10-11 uses images from nature show how powerful and purposeful God's Word is. What are some examples of the kind of "fruit" God's Word can produce in a person's life or community?
4. In vv. 12-13, what stands out to you about this picture of joy, peace, and creation responding to God's work?

APPLY

1. David described someone admitting they trust God "96%." How do you relate to that idea? Would you say your trust in God is total—or are there areas you hold back? Is there an area of your life right now where God might be saying, "Trust me"? What would it look like to respond?
2. David describes God's Word as "an active agent in redemption." What does that mean, and how does it shape your approach to reading Scripture? How might you give God's Word more space in your life this week—so it can "water the ground" of your heart?
3. David challenged the "He did it all for me" view of Christianity by asking, "*Are you tired of yourself yet?*" Isaiah offers us a new perspective—an invitation into God's

bigger story, a larger work that goes beyond our limited ways of thinking. Where in your life might you need a greater sense of humility? Are there places where being honest—with yourself and with God—could lead to deeper closeness with Christ?

PRAYER

Dear Father in Heaven, thank you for this day and for the opportunity to grow in our understanding of who You are. We want to trust You more, even when it feels difficult. Show us the places in our hearts where You're inviting us to deeper trust and greater surrender. We open our lives to You—especially the hidden places—asking that Your Word would take root and bear lasting fruit. Shape us, Lord, not to live with a self-centered mindset, but as true ambassadors of Heaven. Help us to trust You more fully and to live anchored in Your Word and Your purposes. In Jesus' name, Amen.

GOING DEEPER

We're in the final stretch of our journey through Isaiah, with just one week to go. Wherever you are in the reading, keep setting aside time to engage with this powerful message. If you've fallen behind, don't worry—focus on Isaiah 55 this week and consider journaling your response to this question: "Where is God inviting me to deeper trust?"

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 29:13
Hebrews 4:12
2 Timothy 3:16

QUOTES

"Many have had the wrong idea of what salvation meant. They thought it means that God would allow them to triumph easily over all adversity. But God does not give us overcoming life; He gives us life as we overcome." Oswald Chambers

"To relieve suffering he would enter it. To address our pain he would experience it. Instead of explaining our suffering God shares it. Blood from sword and thorn and nail - dripping healing from the suffering Jesus." Nicolas Wolterstorff