

Weekly Study Guide

The week of August 17, 2014

Daily Readings

Monday	Read Isaiah 55:1 and John 4:1-13. Isaiah 55 begins with an invitation for those who are thirsty to come and drink from the fountains of God. This gracious invitation is to us who have nothing to buy what he wants to give. The invitation is a free gift continually offered to us in Christ. Receiving this gift starts with recognizing our need for what he offers. Where in your life are you feeling parched and thirsty? Spend some time bringing your need to God.
Tuesday	Read Isaiah 55:2 and John 10:14-24. After recognizing our need, God confronts the ways that we seek to fill our need apart from God. Seeking to fill God-given needs outside of God's presence will never satisfy our souls. In order to receive the "richest fare" God offers us, we need to confess the ways we are seeking to meet our needs apart from him. Spend time in honest confession with God. Ask that he would give you the desire to delight in the "richest of fare."
Wednesday	Read Isaiah 55:3 and John 10:7-10. God's desire is that we would listen to him and live. God has always been faithful to his covenant promises, yet we are the ones who wander away by listening to other voices. What are the voices in your life that lead you away from God's voice? Spend some time asking God if there is anything He wants you to know about the voices you are listening to in your life. Ask him if there is anything he wants to say to you.
Thursday	Read Isaiah 55:4-5 and Ephesians 6:10-17. Through Christ, the promises made to David's descendants are true for those who believe. Spend some time thanking God for calling you to be a witness to His goodness. Spend some time praying for your neighborhood, family, and friends that they would know God's love and power. Our fight is not against flesh and blood, but against the spiritual forces that keep people from Jesus. Spend some time praying against the enemy's attacks through the authority of Jesus.
Friday	Read Isaiah 55:6 and Hebrews 4:6-13. When God comes near to us, he desires that we would follow. Two things that keep us from living in God's love are delaying obedience and keeping a hard heart. Spend some time praying that you would have a responsive heart to the Lord and keep in step with how His Spirit is leading you.
Saturday	Read Isaiah 55:6-8 and Romans 8:32-38. Spend some time in praise to our God that his thoughts are greater than our own—that he has chosen to cross over the barrier of our sin so that nothing can separate us from his love.

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