

Sacred Delights
Blessed Are They Who Hunger and Thirst
Sunday, June 2, 2024

Isaiah 55:1-7 NIV

“Come, all you who are thirsty,
come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.

²Why spend money on what is not bread,
and your labor on what does not satisfy?

Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the
richest of fare. ³Give ear and come to me;

listen, that you may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you,
my faithful love promised to David. ⁴See, I have made him a witness to
the peoples, a ruler and commander of the peoples.

⁵Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations you do not
know will come running to you, because of the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendor.”

⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near.

⁷Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts.
Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

1. Only Eternal Treasures Truly Satisfy.

2. Mercy Only Understood When Extended to Someone Else.

Conclusion: Let us seek Jesus while He might be found. Let us come with open hands so He might fill us with righteousness. Let us freely extend mercy to others as we have been given, so they might encounter Christ in us.

LIFE GROUP LESSON
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Week of June 2 – June 8, 2024

Ice Breaker: What is your favorite treat you crave? Why?

Read Isaiah 55:1-7.

1. What is the invitation? (v.1) Who is it for?
2. What is the warning? (v.2) What is this warning raising awareness to?
3. What is the promise as we eat what is good? (v.2)
4. What are we offered as we listen and receive? (v.3)
5. Why is this prophecy trustworthy? (v.3)
6. What is the command? (v.6) Is there urgency? Why?
7. Why might we wait or resist this invitation?
8. When we turn towards God, what do we receive? (v.7)
9. What does God offer us as we seek forgiveness? (v.7)
10. What is the overall message in this Scripture? What is the great invitation?
11. How does this prophecy tie into the teaching from Jesus in Matt. 5?
12. What is the promise for those who hunger and thirst for righteousness?
13. Read John 7: 37-39. Who satisfies our deepest thirst? Who do the Living Waters flowing within refer to?
14. Read Matthew 6: 19-21. What are we to store up in our heart? Why?
15. Read Luke 9: 23-25. What does Jesus mean? How does this truth relate to His teaching in Matthew 5?
16. Read Matthew 5:7. Who are the blessed ones?
17. Have you struggled showing mercy to someone else who has wronged you? Why? What keeps you from extending mercy?
18. What does v. 7 tell us about how God responds to the one who turns from their wickedness? *Has He for you?*
19. Read Matthew 18: 21-35. What did the king do for the servant? How did the servant treat his servant? What did the king later do?
20. If we withhold mercy, how might God give us over to be tortured? What would that look like? Why would He do this?
21. What is God calling us to with these two teachings from Matthew 5? What is He causing to happen in our hearts?

Point to ponder: Only In Christ will we be fully satisfied for every longing we have. Let us seek Him first so we might be filled and in turn give to others all God has freely given to us.