



Isaiah 55
‘Total Satisfaction’
Week 5

Discuss together what things people look to in order to find happiness and satisfaction in their lives. Make a list of these things and then evaluate together how effective you think they are in making people content, and where they are prone to fail.

Source of happiness/contentment	effectiveness	where they are prone to fail

Share with one another the areas where you have found yourself tempted to look for happiness and satisfaction, and where this search has let you down or failed.

Getting into the Isaiah 55

Isaiah 54 and 55 are important in understanding the outcome of the Servant's suffering in chapter 53. The Servant's death has won a glorious redemption and Isaiah calls the people to respond to God's offer of forgiveness. This offer of salvation to all peoples is the climax of the chapters 40-55.

While chapter 54 is more descriptive, setting forth the abundant blessings the Servant has obtained for his people, chapter 55, with its many imperatives, calls the people to action. It's an invitation to come and accept God's salvation and to participate in its blessings.

Read over Isaiah 55 together and discuss your answers to the following questions:

Verses 1-2

Why is this such a wonderful description of God's grace? And how is it made possible?

Verses 3-5

These verses are firmly grounded in the covenant God made with David. **What did God promise? How is it fulfilled in the Servant's work and the results that flow from it?**

Verses 6-7

What do these verses tell us about the way our lives should be if we genuinely respond to God's grace?

Verses 8-11

These are great promises for us as we seek to share what Christ has done with others. **Why do we need verse 8? How can we find encouragement to persevere in telling others the gospel?**

Verses 12-13

What was the immediate relevance of these promises to the exiles? How are they fulfilled in Jesus? How can they encourage us today?

In the light of Isaiah 55 where will our hearts find true satisfaction? How can we learn to seek contentment in God rather than the things God has made or the experiences we make for ourselves? How can we encourage one another in these matters?

Spend time in prayer and praise together.