

WEEKLY GUIDE



DISCUSS

10 MIN

ICEBREAKERS

1. What do you miss most about being a child? Why?
2. What was your favorite childhood t.v. show?

DIG

10 MIN

READ : Isaiah 55:6-9

OBSERVE : What are some key observations from this text? (*i.e. words, tone* etc...)

- CONTEXT :**
- Read verse 8 again.
 - Is this comforting or terrifying? Why?
 - When we try to control our lives it often means we think God's thoughts and ways should be like ours. How is this statement true?
 - What is the promise in this scripture?
 - Why are "while he may be found" and "while he is near" important?
 - What does it mean to call upon the Lord? How do you do that?

A P P L Y

20 MIN

- **Pastor Tyler said that we often think of God as a formula more than a friend, and the formula looks something like this: Moral living + Religious Activity - Sin = God's blessing**
 1. Do you identify with this? How is a friendship with God better than a formula?
 2. What do you need to do to grow into more of a friendship with God?
- **God's response to Habakkuk was that even if he told Habakkuk what he was doing, he wouldn't understand.**
 3. What has God done in your life that if he told you years ago you wouldn't have understood or believed?
- **Part of God's plan for his people and the world meant that suffering and persecution was coming their way.**
 4. How can suffering actually lead us to trust God more?
 5. Could our present cultural situation fall into this scenario? Explain.

ONE THING

5 MIN

Share **ONE THING** you want to remember, live out, share, or pray about from this study?

P R A Y

10 MIN

Take some time to talk about what these scriptures have inspired you to pray about for yourselves. Pray over one another concerning these things. (Also, pray for any prayer requests in the group.)