



Oakwood

CHURCH

January 16 Discussion Questions

“Scripture Alone”

Isaiah 55:1-13

Preview

“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth... so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but ***it shall accomplish that which I purpose***, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.”
v. 10-11

Three Exclusive Blessings of the Bible:

1. Only God’s Word can **Save** you (v. 3-7)
2. Only God’s Word can **Satisfy** you (v. 1-2, 8-10)
3. Only God’s Word can **Sanctify** you (v. 11-13; John 17:17)

“His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that ***through them you may become partakers of the divine nature.***” 2 Peter 1:3-4

OPENING QUESTION

1. What is a promise you have recently made to your spouse, family, or friend? What are common things that could happen that might tempt you to break that promise?
2. What blessing do you receive in knowing that God never breaks His promises?

PRAY - Pray for God's blessing on your conversation - to illuminate your minds, transform your hearts, and draw you closer together as a group.

READ THE PASSAGE — Isaiah 55:1-13

DISCUSSION & APPLICATION QUESTIONS

3. What words in Isaiah 55 communicate that it is an invitation from God? What is He inviting us to do?
4. Martin Luther said it is impossible for someone to have two authorities. Why is that so? What are some examples of other authorities people submit to in our culture?
5. What begins to happen in our lives when we allow another authority besides God's Word to have a say? Speak from your own experience.
6. What does it mean for God's Word to be infallible? How have you personally found God's Word to be infallible in your life?
7. Isaiah 55:2-3 makes it clear that we often invest our hearts in things that don't ultimately satisfy. What are examples of things we are tempted to be satisfied with?
8. What did Jesus mean when He said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God?"
9. What have you personally gained from the discipline of consistent time alone with God in His Word? Is this something you currently are committed to? If not, are you feeling a need to commit to this discipline?
10. What is a story, truth, or promise from God's Word that has recently blessed you?
11. God wants to transform our lives, often through the power of His Word. How would you answer this question Pastor Darin asked toward the end of his message: If God would do one miracle in your life this year, what would it be?
12. The invitation of Isaiah 55 is to come to God to experience the transforming power of His Word. What are you needing to come to God for in your life right now?

PRAYER

- Personal Request: Pray for God to answer the miracle request you shared in question ten. Pray also for God's Word to richly bless your life this season as you come to Him.
- Ministry Request: Pray for God to help the new people attending Oakwood to find their way to the community life of the church via community groups, huddles, or other ministries and programs.