

## The Word From the Heavens (Isaiah 55:9-12)

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**Guidelines:** Protect confidentiality and follow the leader's prompts.

### **Lectio Divina Rhythms/Process (Repeat three times):**

- (a) Read the Scripture passage ("Lectio")
- (b) Reflect on the focus question below ("Meditatio")
- (c) Respond in quiet prayer/journaling ("Oratio")
- (d) Rest in God's invitation for you then pray/share out loud if you want ("Contemplatio")

**Introduction:** The Lord God is speaking through the prophet Isaiah. He's inviting all who are thirsty to come and listen to his word like flowers waiting for rain to fall from the heavens. His message is, "Don't rely on yourself — follow my ways and think my thoughts, not your own ways and thoughts." Jesus incarnated this word: "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6). Jesus shows us what it looks like to do things in a godly process, to always listen to God's word, and to be fully alive with eternal life. It's a blossoming life of joy and peace and it's meant to be shared with others!

**Opening Prayer:** Speak Lord, for your servant is listening (1 Samuel 3:9-10)

### **Read Scripture: Isaiah 55 (NIV84)**

9 "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. 10 As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, 11 so is my word that goes out from my mouth: it will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. 12 You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands."

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** What is one word or phrase the Holy Spirit impresses on you? Meditate on that.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Enter into the Scripture passage. What do you feel? What specific situation in your life today relates? Write down a prayer or pray quietly.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Reading:** What is God's personal invitation for you from the Scripture? You can write down what God may be saying to you or a prayer of thanks. Or rest quietly in God.