

**Isaiah 55:1-5**

<sup>1</sup> “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. <sup>2</sup> Why 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.

<sup>3</sup> Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. <sup>4</sup> See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a ruler and commander of the peoples.

<sup>5</sup> Surely 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.” *Isaiah 55:1-5 NIV*

1. What invitation does the Lord extend in Isaiah 55:1?
2. What is the spiritual significance of this invitation as it pertains to the Lord’s people who were presently estranged from Him because of their sins?
3. Is this invitation only limited to the Lord’s Old Testament people?

**Hebrews 13:7-8,15-18**

<sup>7</sup> Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

<sup>15</sup> Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. <sup>16</sup> And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

<sup>17</sup> Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.

<sup>18</sup> Pray for us. We are sure that we have a clear conscience and desire to live honorably in every way.

*Hebrews 13:7-8, 15-18 NIV*

1. What is the main idea of verse 7? What components are necessary to have a truly effective mentoring/discipling relationship with someone? Who should be discipling?
2. What is the difference between teaching someone a Bible lesson and discipling them?
3. What is “a sacrifice of praise”?
4. What should we share with each other?
5. How can you have confidence in your leaders? (Vs 17)

**Matthew 14:13-21**

<sup>13</sup> When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup> When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

<sup>15</sup> As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a remote place, and it’s already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.” <sup>16</sup> Jesus replied, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.”

<sup>17</sup> “We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,” they answered. <sup>18</sup> “Bring them here to me,” he said. <sup>19</sup> And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. <sup>20</sup> They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. <sup>21</sup> The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children. *Matthew 14:13-21 NIV*

1. What was Jesus' response to hearing about John's death?
2. What motivated Jesus to help the people who were looking for Him? What was his response?
3. What was the disciples' response to the crowds after it was getting late? What attitudes do you think this demonstrates?
4. Can Jesus multiply the gift that we give to others?