

Small Group Discussion Guide

Divine Perspective: For the week of June 28 - July 4, 2020

Main Thought and Scripture: (Isaiah 55:6-11 ESV)

"Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon." (6-7)

- God is calling us to seek Him—to forsake our wicked **ways of living** and unrighteous **thoughts**.
- How we think will determine how we live. It all begins in our thought life.
- God abundantly forgives us of our thoughts and actions when we turn to Him and repent.

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." (8-9)

- God's thoughts and ways are vastly different from our own.
- We must realign our thoughts and actions to God's Word and not the ideas and opinions of men.

"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, 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." (10-11)

"...Believe in the LORD your God, and you shall be established; believe His prophets, and you shall prosper." (2 Chronicles 20:20 NKJV)

- We must choose to believe and align our thoughts and actions to God's Word.
- We must choose the faith perspective amid the facts and fear.

Reflection:

- What are some previously held thoughts and ways of living that you came to realize are different from God's ways and thoughts? What happened and how did you change?
- What are some current thoughts and ways of living that you recognize are different from God's and you struggle to adjust or change? What can you do to align them with God's?

Prayer:

- Pray for one another to align our thoughts and ways to God's thoughts and ways.
- Pray for our nation, that we will all align our thoughts and ways to God's Word, and together work towards peace and righteousness in our land.