

PRAY EVERY DAY August 1, 2021 Resource

*Invitation to Satisfaction in God from Isaiah 55:1-2 (NRSV)*

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;  
and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.  
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?  
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.

*A Table Grace Prayer*

Be present at our table, Lord,  
Be here and everywhere adored;  
Thy creatures bless, and grant that we  
May feast in Paradise with Thee. Amen.

*The Bishop Sharma Lewis Read the Bible in 2021 Challenge (Genesis to Revelation)*

August 2: Isaiah 23 – 27	August 6: Isaiah 42 – 44
August 3: Isaiah 28 – 30	August 7: Isaiah 45 – 48
August 4: Isaiah 31 – 35	August 8: Isaiah 49 – 53
August 5: Isaiah 36 – 41	

*Small Group or personal study*

Read John 6:24-35

- Crowds who were there when Jesus fed the 5,000 searched for Jesus until they found him. Jesus told them they came because they had eaten their fill of bread. When have you traveled a long way to get something like good bread or be filled with good food?
- Jesus encouraged the people not to work for food that perishes, but for food that endures for eternal life. What foods, pleasures, or ambitions have you pursued and found they did not satisfy for long or at all? If you want some examples from the Bible, spend a little time with “The Teacher” by reading Ecclesiastes in the Old Testament.
- When Jesus shared the work people had to do was to believe in God and the one sent by God (Jesus!), people asked what sign Jesus would give so they might believe. Those asking for a sign had already seen Jesus feed the 5,000 with 5 loaves and 2 fish and still have 12 basketfuls leftover. They had also seen the signs Jesus did for the sick (John 6:2). They had already seen many signs and asked for more! It seems signs may not satisfy or convince. There is a time faith must believe for it to be faith. What signs have you already seen of the presence, salvation, and goodness of God? Have you put your faith in Jesus? If not, what are you waiting for?
- Jesus goes on to say, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty” (v. 35). How have you understood what Jesus means when he said “I am the bread of life”? What do you think Jesus means by “never be hungry...never be thirsty”?

*Spend time in silence*

*Prayer for others and yourself*

*The Lord's Prayer*

*Share the Love of Jesus because It's All about Relationships*

How will you or how did you share the love of Jesus with neighbor today with no strings attached? Write it down and share it this week in small group for support and prayer.

*Seek and Find from Isaiah 55:6-7 (NRSV)*

Seek the LORD while he may be found,  
call upon him while he is near;  
let the wicked forsake their way,  
and the unrighteous their thoughts;  
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.