



And
3. _____ proves it

As we continue studying the heart of Jesus this summer, we travel back in time to 700 years before Jesus arrives on the earth and dive into an Old Testament prophecy from Isaiah to see deeper into the heart of our Savior. This text tells us our God's heart is so full of compassion that He will love and forgive us beyond what we would think.

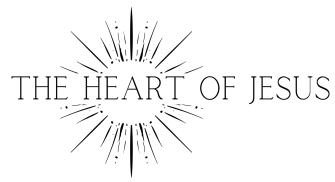
1. _____ and you will experience

NEXT STEPS to help us process and apply God's Word

- Memorize Isaiah 55:6–9 to remind yourself of the difference between how you and God think and operate.
- Read through one of the four gospel accounts looking for ways Jesus displays the compassionate and forgiving thoughts and ways of God.

Because

2. God is _____ than you think He is



The Thoughts & Ways of Jesus

Isaiah 55:6–11

Sunday, August 22, 2021

Growth Groups are the glue that holds our church together, the way we find and follow Jesus together. If you are not involved in a Growth Group, now is the time to jump in at gracecentralcoast.org.

This year, our aim is to see our Growth Groups embody our 3-fold identity as followers of Jesus: Family, Servant, and Missionary. To that end, we're framing our Growth Group Interaction Guide to help groups move in that direction.

During the COVID-19 crisis our groups are meeting live and virtually using Zoom and other online platforms.

CONNECT *(ask these questions to check-in with your group)*

Share some of the over-arching takeaways you have so far from this *Heart of Jesus* series.

DISCUSS *(use some of these questions to process God's Word together)*

1. How did you "come under" God's Word in the text/message this week? What was new, fresh, challenging, or encouraging?
2. How does the word "For" in verse 8, verse 9, and verse 10 help us understand the flow of thought in this passage? According to these verses, what is the grounding for God being more compassionate and forgiving than we think Him to be?
3. How is Jesus proof that God's heart really is full of compassion and forgiveness? And what phrases in verses 10 and 11 point us forward to Jesus as this proof?

4. What does it look like to "forsake" our sin while knowing we will always be sinful while we are on earth?
5. Discuss Isaiah 49:15–16 and how it helps solidify the truth of Isaiah 55.
6. How can we get to a place where the thoughts we have about our sin are more similar to God's thoughts and less similar to whatever we would naturally think?
7. How could the truth of verses 6–9 help us in sharing the gospel with those who do not yet know Christ?

PRAY *(use these prompts to pray in response to God's Word)*

- As you feel comfortable, confess sin to one another, and reassure each other of God's compassion and forgiveness for you (this may be a week to split the group by gender).
- Pray God would grant us more of His thoughts in regard to who He is and How he reacts to our sin (rather than our own thoughts).