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## Sow the Word!

Lesson 14 • Isaiah 55:10-11

The GREAT INVITATION to SOUL-SAVING SATISFACTION – Isaiah 55				
1-3a	3b	4-5	6-9	10-11
<b>SAVOR the FEAST!</b>	<b>SURE to SATISFY!</b>	<b>SUMMON the NATIONS!</b>	<b>SEEK the LORD!</b>	<b>SOW the WORD!</b>
<i>An Invitation Too Good to Refuse</i>	<i>An Invitation Too Sure to Question</i>	<i>An Invitation Too Successful to Neglect</i>	<i>An Invitation Too Urgent to Delay</i>	<i>An Invitation Too Powerful to Resist</i>

Invitations can have a powerful **IMPACT** on our lives.

### How Does God Fulfill His Great Invitation to Soul-Saving Satisfaction?

By the **POWER** of His Life-giving Word! Isaiah 55:10-11

#### God's Word Is Too Powerful to Resist

#### 1. God's Word **BRIDGES** the Gap Between Him and Us.

*"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there without watering the earth...So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth..." (vv. 10-11)*

*Hebrews 1:1-2; John 1:1, 14*

#### 2. God's Word Is the **SEED** that Brings Forth Life in Our Hearts.

*"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there without watering the earth and making it bear and sprout, and furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater; so will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; it will not return to Me empty...without succeeding..." (vv. 10-11)*

How Water and the Word Give Life AFTER They Come Down from God			
Power of Water from God		Power of the Word from God	
<b>WATER</b> the Earth	Water	Heaven-provision	Revelation
<b>BRING FORTH LIFE</b>	Life	Life-creating	Transformation
<b>MAKE IT SPROUT</b>	Growth	Fruit-bearing	Authentication
<b>GIVE SEED</b> to the Sower	Seed	Seed-sowing	Multiplication
<b>PROVIDE BREAD</b> for the Eater	Bread	Daily-consumption	Satisfaction

- We are to be **HEARERS** that listen carefully to God speaking to us through His Word in order to obey it.
- We are to be **EATERS** that feed on and delight in the Bread of Life.
- We are to be **SOWERS** that share the life-giving seed with the lost.

*God's Word is too powerful to resist in the life of a **TRULY** born-again believer!*

*1Peter 1:23 – 2:3*

### 3. God's Word Is **SOVEREIGN** in Fulfilling His Purpose.

*So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; it will not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it. (v. 11)*

*If God's Word Is Too Powerful to Resist, Then Why Do So Many Still Seem to Resist It?*

#### 1. God's Purpose Is to Soften and to **HARDEN**.

*Romans 9:14-18; Isaiah 6:10*

#### 2. God's Ways Are **HIGHER** than Our Ways.

*Romans 11:33-36*

#### 3. God's Sovereign Purposes Still Require **EFFORT**.

*Sowing and Eating – 1 Corinthians 3:6*

#### 4. God's Saving Power Still Requires a **RESPONSE**.

*The Soil of a Receptive Heart – Mark 4:2-3, 20; Luke 8:15*

#### 5. God's Sovereign Plan Still Takes **TIME**.

***Be Patient and Remain Steadfast!***

***Be patient, therefore, brothers...See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient...As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, Take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful. James 5:7-8, 10***

#### **An Invitation Too Powerful to Resist**

- RECEIVE the Word of Life:** *Trust in Jesus as your Savior and Lord!*
- Be an EATER of the Bread of Life:** *Delight in Jesus through God's Word on a daily basis!*
- Be a SOWER of the Seed of Life:** *Share Jesus in the gospel with bold abandon!*

#### **Family Worship Ideas from Today's Lesson**

- **SING** or watch a music video together.  

<b><i>This We Know</i></b>	Vertical Worship <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sq233IM3k9w">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sq233IM3k9w</a>
<b><i>I'm Listening</i></b>	Chris McClarney <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ef52AmdVwYI">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ef52AmdVwYI</a>
<b><i>Overcome</i></b>	Jeremy Camp <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L0csB3us2gA">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L0csB3us2gA</a>
<b><i>He Reigns</i></b>	Newsboys <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dhWxilJTdpE">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dhWxilJTdpE</a>
- **READ** the Parable of the Sower and the Four Soils in **Luke 8:4-15**. Discuss how the Sower sows the Word with abandon and is not a soil (heart) inspector.
- **ACT** out the heart responses of the four soils (heart responses) to the seed (the Word of God).
- **PRAY** together.