

**Lesson #4-15*****Seeking God's Presence***

Isaiah 55:1-11

**Key Verse:**

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;  
Isaiah 55:6

**The Point:**

The Lord offers a gracious, loving relationship for those who seek it.

**Unit Theme (December 3 - December 25):**

God's Presence Brings Life

***Prayer Stations****You will need:*

- † Poster paper
- † Markers or colored pencils
- † Slips of paper
- † Pens or pencils
- † Small tables or easels

*Before worship:*

1. Set up four prayer stations around the worship space (for larger groups, set up 8 or 12 to allow for more participation at the same time, but

only include four unique prompts).

Place some markers or colored pencils at each station along with one piece of poster paper.

2. For the first prayer station, make two columns on a piece of poster paper. Write, "What do we spend money on that does not satisfy? What things \*do\* satisfy? Add your ideas."
3. For the second station, on poster paper, write: "What sorts of things do not have a price? Draw pictures or make word art with your responses."

4. For the third station, on poster paper, write: “In what ways do you “listen” to God? How do you “hear” God? Add your ideas to the list.”
5. On the fourth poster paper, write: “What is an example of how God’s thoughts are not your thoughts? Have you ever wanted something, not gotten it, and then been glad it didn’t happen the way you had planned? Reflect quietly for a moment on how you might change your thoughts about a particular issue to be more like God’s thoughts. Write down your idea on a slip of paper, and then put it in the offering plate.” Have slips of paper and pens or pencils available at this station.

*During worship:*

1. **Today we have prayer stations set up around the worship space. At each station is a prayer prompt. You are invited to contribute your own ideas by writing words or drawing pictures relevant to each topic. As you brainstorm at each station, share your ideas with the others at your station. Try to speak with at least one other person that you do not know well!**
2. Provide seven to ten minutes for worshippers to visit each of the stations. Assist anyone who needs help.
3. Bring everyone back together into one group and ask worshippers to share the responses given at each of the first three prayer stations. **What was something that surprised you about these responses?** Allow time for sharing of thoughts. **Please keep your slip of paper from the fourth station in hand to put in the offering plate in a moment.**



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