

# Wasted Rain

## Conversation Starters

What's the best way to spend a rainy day?

Which is more peaceful to you: rain or snow? Why?

You get to choose one candy to rain on you. What is it?

## Review

Ask eGroup members to share their favorite points from the sermon, what spoke to them, a phrase or moment from the sermon they related to the most, or questions they have. If members have a hard time recalling the sermon, talk through your notes and share your favorite points.

## Make It Personal

- Read Isaiah 55:8-11. This passage compares God's Word to rain — it waters the earth and yields bread. How has God's Word been "rain" to you in your life?
- You're sitting and listening to a sermon — what are some things that might make the Word go down the drain as you listen? (*e.g., wondering if someone else who "needs to hear this message" is listening, feeling drowsy, not taking notes, daydreaming, not thinking about how you can apply it, etc.*)
  - What are you doing with what you hear? In what ways have you been letting rain go down the drain? (*e.g., I gossip when I know I'm not supposed to, I listened to a podcast and forgot what it was about, someone asked me to pray for them but I didn't, I don't go back and look at my sermon notes, etc.*)

- God's Word is like honey, milk, and a mirror — they all need a response in order to be effective. How can you challenge the way you've been responding to God's Word? (*What do you need to do to get it in you?*)
- Read Isaiah 55:7. Sometimes we need to forsake our thoughts — there is a forsaking before there's a filling. What thoughts do you need to forsake before you can receive God's Word? (*What are you full of that's keeping you from receiving?*)
- Pastor Steven said he has always loved the Word of God. What do you love about the Word of God?
  - Let's be honest: How would you currently rank your excitement for the Word on a scale of 1-10? (*1 is not excited, 10 is very excited*) How has that number changed in different seasons of your life?
  - God's Word is plentiful. What are your go-to ways for receiving the Word? (*e.g., worship music, reading the Bible, listening to sermons, praying, talking with others, etc.*)
- Read Matthew 7:24-27. Rain reveals the rock. How have you experienced this?
- What rain (truths or trials) have you received this year? How has your foundation been tested? (*What faulty foundations have been revealed? What's been sitting on the throne in your heart?*)

## Act On It

Pick one of these ways to act on "Wasted Rain" this week:

- Make time each day to listen to worship music
- Go back through your sermon notes from this year and pick something to challenge yourself with
- Rewatch "Wasted Rain"
- Watch a previous message from this year
- Study 1 Kings 19, which records the story of Elijah running. Ask yourself if you've been running from what you prayed for, and what words made you start running.

## Prayer Requests And Prayer

Ask eGroup members to share any prayer requests they have. Record any notes or prayer requests to pray for members during the week.

*Father, thank You for supplying the rain we need in every season. Make us mindful of the rain we've been wasting — show us the supply we've been missing so we take part in all You have in mind for us. In Jesus' name, amen.*