



The Invitation

Icebreaker: What are your goals for 2024?

Read Together: Matthew 4:1-4 (ESV), Deuteronomy 8:1-3 (ESV)

Discuss:

- What was God speaking to you as Pastor Mark spoke?
- How often do you stop to hear what God is saying to you?
- Every word that flows from God's mouth contains life-sustaining power. He came to bring you life.

- The word for "Live" is the Hebrew word **חַיָּה / ḥāyâ**

Meanings:

- 1. Power to continue to live**
- 2. To be sustained by a word**
- 3. To prosper**
- 4. To revive from Sickness, Discouragement, Faintheartedness, Death**
- 5. Preserve alive**
- 6. Create life from nothing - Psalm 119:37**
- 7. Cause to grow and multiply, like planted grain.**
- 8. Deliver from destruction.**
- 9. Revive with fullness of life in his favor - Psalm 119:25**
- 10. Revive the crushed heart (emotions) and spirit.**
- 11. Restore a ruined city.**

Read Together: Isaiah 55:1-3 (ESV), John 1:1-5 (ESV)

Discuss:

- Jesus has ideas about what He wants to do in our city this year! Have you asked Him about those thoughts of His?
- Do you have friends or family who do not know Jesus yet?
- There is an invitation on the table coming into this year! Are you ready to respond to that?
- What is God thinking about and inviting you into? If you don't know....ask Him.

Read Together: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (ESV), Isaiah 58:6-14 (ESV)

Discuss:

- Will you RSVP to the invitation to join Jesus in what He is doing in your city this year?
- Are you ready to join your church family to chase Jesus and all He has for us this year?

Pray:

Take time to listen to the Lord regarding HIS ideas for this year in your life.

Who does He want to reach through you?

What does He want to do in your life?

Ask God for vision and courage to do what He has planned.