

Invited to Accept God's Free Gift

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Discussion Starter: Other than an invitation from God, what is the greatest invitation you have ever received? What made it so special?

1. "Thirst" is a common theme in Scripture. **Read Exodus 17:1-7.** What was the complaint of God's people in this section of Scripture? What did God provide? Why was this place called "Massah" and "Meribah?"
2. **Read Isaiah 55:1-2.** This is a great invitation extended by God Himself. What are some of the things people turn to, in order to satisfy their thirst and yet they are not satisfied? What do you believe God is offering and how much does it cost?
3. **Read John 4:1-14.** Jesus has a conversation with a Samaritan woman. The conversation is by Jacob's well (verse 6). Jesus begins speaking about "Living Water." What is this "Living Water" that Jesus has to offer? **Read John 7:37-39.** How do these verses help you understand what Jesus was offering the Samaritan woman?
4. **Read Matthew 5:6.** There is an invitation in this Beatitude. What are we invited to do? What does it mean to hunger and thirst for righteousness?

Application:

It is the Lord who satisfies our thirst for that which is good and lasting. **Read Psalm 136.** How did the Lord satisfy a spiritual thirst that you may have had before you turned to this Word?