



Sermon

- Living Into Righteousness •
Isaiah 56-57

Sermon Outline

1. Live by His Invitation (56:1-8)
2. Reject False Paths (56:10-12, 57:4-6, 13)
3. Be Lowly; Be Revived (57:14-21)

Reflection Questions

1. Look at the word “righteousness” in 56:1. Whose righteousness is in view?
2. How does 56:1 reflect on what has been discussed throughout the book so far? How does it look forward to the rest of the book?
3. What hesitation or concern do you notice in verses 56:3-4? How do you personally relate to their concerns about being rejected by God?
4. How does God answer their concerns in 56:5-8? How is this, in Jeff’s words, “living by invitation” to God’s house and banquet?
5. Why the big shift at 56:9? What is Isaiah doing to spend all this extra time on the various bad responses from the leaders and the people of Israel?
6. Jeff noted the selfish tendencies in our worship in the passage. So, when you worship God, why do you worship him? What are you hoping to get from him? What are healthier ways to think about why we worship?



7. The other false path is pursuing a substitute God, a drug of choice. What is your drug of choice? What do you inject, inhale or imbibe (physically or spiritually) to quell the rumble of panic underneath, to soothe your heart, and to bring satisfaction?
8. Why is lowliness the way to God? How does lowliness relate to grace? Why is lowliness so hard and counterintuitive to us?
9. Look at 17-18. What does this tell us about God's relentless initiative to love us? How does this motivate you to pursue righteousness?
10. What kind of comfort do you need from the Lord? What peace do you want to ask him for?