



SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

Experience God | Dave Cover | August 24, 2025

Kickoff Question

What was a highlight from your summer?

Sermon Discussion

1. Dave noted how distracted we are with left-brain thinking and tasks and how hard it is to pay attention and engage our right-brains. What kinds of things most often distract you from paying attention to God in your daily life?
2. McGilchrist argues that Western culture leans heavily into left-brain thinking (analyzing, categorizing, measuring) and often misses right-brain ways of perceiving (mystery, awe, transcendence). Where do you see this imbalance in your own spiritual life, and how might it keep you from experiencing God?
3. Think back to a time when you were filled with a deep sense of awe or wonder in God's presence. Share about that experience and how it shaped your faith?



4. Read Isaiah 55:1-3

"Come, all you who are thirsty,
come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without cost.

² Why spend money on what is not bread,
and your labor on what does not satisfy?
Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,
and you will delight in the richest of fare.

³ Give ear and come to me;
listen, that you may live.

Isaiah 55 uses invitations like "buy/spend," "eat," and "listen" and images like "water,"

"wine," and "bread." How do these invitations and images help you imagine experiencing
God differently than if it said "trust," "believe" or "obey"?

5. When you reflect on the question, *'Why did God create you?'* how does your answer shape the way you relate to Him and prepare to engage in spiritual practices?

6. Read John 17:22-23

"The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even
as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that
the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me."

God wants us to experience His love so the world can see Him through us. As you grow in
experiencing God, how do you think that could shape your witness to people who don't
yet know Jesus?

