

Morning Star Las Cruces 2025 Discussion Questions

September 21, 2025

Series: Word Watching: Experiencing God in Action

Title: Come to Me

Text: Matthew 11:28-30

Discussion Questions

(Maybe to a meal, a celebration or even a conversation?) What made that invitation stand out?
2. Who in your life has a way of making people feel truly welcomed and included? How do they extend that kind of hospitality? What difference does it make?

1. Can you remember a time when you received an invitation that felt especially meaningful?

- 3. What caught your attention in the message titled *Word Watching: Come to Me*? What word, image or story do you want to discuss with others?
- 4. Read Matthew 11:28-30. What do you notice about the way Jesus frames his invitation? In what ways do his words push back against the culture of his day? And of ours?

5. Pastor Amy claims that Matthew 11:28-30 serves as a great <i>watchword</i> for Morning Star right now. (Remember: A <i>watchword</i> represents a congregation's experience of God, based in scripture.) What activities and priorities of Morning Star illustrate this point? (Hint: Think about examples of inspirational worship, radical inclusion and the alleviation of suffering.)
6. How might you extend Jesus' invitation to rest to the people in your circles, at home, at work or in the community? What about people outside of your circles?
7. Read Isaiah 55:1-3. How might this prophetic invitation to "come, all you who are thirsty" deepen your sense of God's hospitality? What makes hospitality a spiritual practice?
8. Read Revelation 22:16-17. What does it mean for the Spirit and the Church together to say, "Come?" How do you see yourself as part of that ongoing invitation?
9. Where in your life do you sense an invitation to live differently? How might you respond?
10. How could your group pray for you as you seek both to receive Jesus' invitation and to extend it to others with openness and grace?