

## SERMON NOTES

11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 16 C \* August 21, 2022

Sermon by the Reverend Tom Rutherford

Isaiah 58:9b-14 \* Psalm 103 \* Hebrews 12:18-29 \* Luke 13:10-17

### IF...THEN.../The COST and BENEFIT

Isaiah 58:9b: "IF you do away with the yoke of oppression,  
with the pointing finger and malicious talk,  
<sup>10</sup> and IF you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the oppressed,"

✦ **The COST:** IF you L\_\_\_\_\_ people...

**The BENEFIT:** THEN your light will rise in the darkness,  
and your night will become like the noonday.

<sup>11</sup>The Lord will guide you always;  
he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land  
and will strengthen your frame.

You will be like a well-watered garden,  
like a spring whose waters never fail.

<sup>12</sup>Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins  
and will raise up the age-old foundations;  
you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls,  
Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.

<sup>13</sup> IF you keep your feet from breaking the Sabbath  
and from doing as you please on my holy day,  
IF you call the Sabbath a delight and the Lord's holy day honorable,  
and IF you honor it by not going your own way  
and not doing as you please or speaking idle words,

✦ **The COST:** IF you L\_\_\_\_\_ God...

**The BENEFIT:** <sup>14</sup>THEN you will find your joy in the Lord,  
and I will cause you to ride in triumph on the heights of the land  
and to feast on the inheritance of your father Jacob."

For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

### Next Week's Lessons

Proverbs 25:6-7 \* Psalm 112 \* Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 \*

Luke 14:1, 7-14

## Chewing on Our Daily Bread

Questions for conversation with your family, Home Group, or a friend

1. Tell about a time someone talked trash inaccurately about you and misrepresented something you did or said. What did you do in response? And how did it turn out?
2. What is one thing you do – or have done in the past – to help people in need?
3. What is your custom about Church attendance? How often do you go? What service do you attend? What role do you play in the service?
4. How does your participation in Church encourage you, enhance your life, or give you joy...or not? And why...or why not?
5. PRAY:
  - ✦ Thanking God for chances to help people and make a difference in their lives...and the world.
  - ✦ For the worship in your church to touch people, encourage them, enhance their lives, and give them joy.
  - ✦ For any needs in your group.