

## SERMON NOTES

12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 15, Year A \* August 20, 2023

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 \* Psalm 67 \* Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 \*

Matthew 15:21-28

### Not YET My People

Who are YOUR People?

The LORD says, "My house will be called a house of prayer for ALL NATIONS" Isaiah 56:7

Psalm 67: 2-5, 7

2. Let your way be known upon earth, \*  
your saving health among ALL NATIONS.
3. Let THE PEOPLES praise you, O God; \*  
let ALL THE PEOPLES praise you.
4. Let THE NATIONS be glad and sing for joy, \*  
for you judge THE PEOPLES with equity  
and guide ALL THE NATIONS upon earth.
5. Let THE PEOPLES praise you, O God; \*  
let ALL THE PEOPLES praise you...
- 7...May God give us his blessing, \*  
and may ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH stand in awe of him.

We've made room in our F\_\_\_\_\_ and M\_\_\_\_\_.

Let's make room in our H\_\_\_\_\_.

Who are some folks who are "Not-my-people" whom I'd like to see the Messiah bring into his family?

### NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS

Isaiah 51:1-6 \* Psalm 138 \* Romans 12:1-8 \* Matthew 16:13-20

## Chewing on Our Daily Bread

Questions for conversation with your family, small group, or a friend

1. Tell about an encounter you had with someone who was foreign to you or very different from you, and how it turned out.
2. Who are a "a"People" – an ethnic, cultural, political, religious, or other kind of group – you don't understand? And why?
3. What are some ways you try to bridge the gap between you and people who are very different from you?
4. Who are some folks who are "not-your-people" whom you'd like to see the Messiah bring into his family? And what could we do as a parish family to help that happen?
5. PRAY:
  - ✦ Thanking God that he loves ALL kinds of people.
  - ✦ For God to help you appreciate and understand people who are very different from yourself.
  - ✦ For God to touch the People you named in #4 above.
  - ✦ For any needs in your group.