

SERMON NOTES

18th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 21, Year A * October 1, 2023

Sermon by the Reverend Tom Rutherford

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 * Psalm 25 * Philippians 2:1-13 *

Matthew 21:28-32

WHAT Are We Doing?

Offering Good News: God loves you and wants you in his family, and Jesus came, died, and rose again to make that possible.

Changing the world with Jesus:

one child,

one person,

one family,

one community at a time.

To that end we pray, work, and seek

unchurched people who are spiritually hungry

and committed Christians ready to serve.

PAST & COMING ATTRACTIONS:

September 17: **WHY Do We Do What We Do?**

The Love of Christ compels us

September 24: **WHO Are We?** A Parish Family: Loving God,

Loving our Neighbors, Loving One another

October 1: **WHAT Are We Doing?** (SEE ABOVE)

October 8: **HOW Do We Do What We Do?**

October 15: **WHEN and WHERE Do We Do What We Do?**

Next Week's Lessons

Isaiah 5:1-7 * Psalm 80 * Philippians 3:4b-14 * Matthew 21:33-46

Chewing on Our Daily Bread

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

1. Who in your life has shared with you the Good News that God loves you and wants you in his family, and that Jesus came, died, and rose again to make that possible? When and how did they do that?
2. How did the Church help you encounter Jesus when you were a child? Or not?
3. How does the Messiah family help you encounter Jesus now? Or not?
4. How are you changing the world with Jesus for anyone? Or not?
5. PRAY:
 - ✦ Thanking God for that person you mentioned in #1 above.
 - ✦ Thanking God for how the Church has helped you encounter and experience the love of Jesus.
 - ✦ For grace to do your part to change the world with Jesus: one child, one person, one family, one community at a time.
 - ✦ For any needs in your group.