Ser	 Title: "The Gospel in Isaiah: Salvation Comes to Outsiders" Text: Isaiah 56:1-8 Theme: God delights in those who love Him and want to belong to Him no matter where they are from, what they look like, or what their background might be. The issue is faith and obedience in your life, not birthright. 	Ар ј А.	Grace is never to doing
I.	The Call to and the for Those Who Heed It (1-2)	B.	God's makes us a and people, but this is not for the LORD's blessings to
П.	The of the Foreigner and the Eunuch (3)	C.	The covenants of God have a is not is not to remain in God's covenant. True is necessary to receive God's promise.
III.	God's to the Who Believes the LORD (4-7)		
IV.	God's to Bring Together to Himself (8)	Nex	t Week Read: Isaiah 58:1-14

Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group:

- 1. What does it mean to "keep justice and do righteousness" (v. 1a)?
- 2. What will soon come, and what will be revealed (v. 1b)?
- 3. What Psalm does the wording "blessed is ..." recall (v. 2a)?
- 4. Why is Sabbath-keeping featured in this passage (vv. 2b, 4, 6)?
- 5. What two groups of persons are addressed in this text (v. 3)?
- 6. Why were these two groups addressed (vv. 3-4)?
- 7. What was the concern of these two groups (v. 3)?
- 8. What is the LORD's promise to these two groups (vv. 4-7)?
- 9. What is the LORD's house called (v. 7c)? Who cited this many years later? What incident caused him to react in this fashion (see Mark 11:15-19)?
- 10. The passage concludes with what incredible pronouncement (v. 8)?
- 11. How is the LORD's righteousness revealed?
- 12. Why is the Sabbath featured so prominently in this passage?
- 13. Now that the Christ has come, is there such a thing as "birthright" status in the New Covenant?
- 14. Are there any advantages for children being born into the Church and the New Covenant? Any disadvantages?
- 15. What is the danger that often accrues because of a birthright status?
- 16. How do Christians tend to rely more on their "birthright" than upon faith?
- 17. Should the Church remove covenantal birthright as a category for belonging to God's household and consider valid only "spiritual"
 18. What should the Church (i.e. Pastors, Elders, teachers, parents) do in order to help ensure that birthright status does not overshadow true faith, love and obedience to the LORD God whom the parents profess?

- **19.** What would entice a "foreigner" to join himself or herself to the LORD?
- 20. Who might correspond to the "eunuch" in the Church today?

membership in the Church?