1 - **He Will Abundantly Pardon**

**Isaiah 55:1-11**

2 - **We need forgiveness**

* **Begins with God as our Creator!**
* **What all men hold in common**.
(Ecclesiastes 7:20-21; Psalms 143:1-2;
Romans 3:23; Colossians 1:13-14; 2:13)
* Will we **admit & recognize** our need?
(1 Samuel 12:13; Psalms 51:3; 130:1-4)
* Are we like the **Pharisee** or the **Tax Collector?** (Luke 18:9-14)
* **Hunger for righteousness** begins with recognizing our need for forgiveness. (Matthew 5:6)

3 - ***“Compassion & Pardon”*** Isaiah 55:7

Emphasis on “***abundantly***” - forgiveness w/o end.

What is the context?

* + **Isaiah 53** – promise of a **Savior** who would lay down His life for man
	+ **Isaiah 54** – the **reconciliation** of God’s people to Himself.
	+ **Isaiah 55** – **how we can obtain the mercy and pardon** for our sins.
* Abundant **compassion** and **forgiveness** is available **if we meet God’s conditions**.

4 - **They realize that the things of this life don’t provide them with what man needs most – 55:1-2**

* **What are we hungering and thirsting for?** (Psalms 42:1-2; 63:1;
John 4:10-14; 7:37-38; Matthew 5:6)
* **But passing pleasures** –
(Hebrews 11:24-26; Ecclesiastes 2:1-11)
* **Seeking that which endures**.
(John 6:26-27; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18;
1 John 2:15-17)

5 - **They are those who *“incline their ear”* and *“come to”* the Lord - 55:3**

* **Pay attention give your ear to the Lord.** (Isaiah 51:4-5)
* **God is trying to get our attention.** (2 Chronicles 33:9-10,
Nehemiah 9:34, Isaiah 48:17-18)
* It means to prick up the ears.
* Forgiveness is for those who give their full attention to God.

6 - **They are those who take advantage of every opportunity – 55:6**

* There’s urgency involved.
(Psalms 119:60)
* There may be a time when it’s too late & the “door (is) shut”
(Matthew 25:10; Psalms 32:6)
* We assume the feast will always be there. (Amos 8:11-12)
* Is this a “*day of small things*”? Zechariah 4:10

7 - **They are those who are willing to repent and change – 55:7**

* **Change from the inside out**…
(Joel 2:13)
* **Bear Fruit**… (Matthew 3:8; Acts 26:20; John 15:1-8)
* **Continue in sin**? (Romans 6:1;
1 Corinthians 6:9-11)
* **Put them all aside**… (Colossians 3:8; Ephesians 4:22)

8 - **They are those who will humble themselves before God’s will – 55:8-9**

* **Think we’re pretty smart?**
(Psalms 50:17-21)
* ***“Thy will be done”*** –
(Matthew 26:42; John 6:38)
* **It’s not in us…** (Jeremiah 10:23)
* **Potter and the clay** – (Isaiah 29:16; 45:9; Job 40:1-5)

9 - **They are those who respond in faith and obedience to God’s word – 55:10-11**

* God has promised His word will succeed in the matter for which He sent it.
* **Power is in the gospel** – (Romans 1:16)
* **Do we believe?** (2 Timothy 3:16-17;
1 Peter 1:22-25; Deuteronomy 29:29)