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

* **Heals** - mended and whole, cured (Strong) Made healthy (BDB); to be restored (Vine)
* Do we need a Physician? (Luke 5:31)
* ***“Heal my soul, for I have sinned against You.”*** (Psalms 41:4)
* ***“Do you wish to get well?”*** (John 5:6; Psalms 107:20)
* Not superficially! (Jeremiah 6:14)
* Why has our spiritual health not been restored? (Jeremiah 8:18-22; cf., Isaiah 1:6; 3 John 2)

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 theclay *–*** (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)