

Sermon: The Quarantined and Cut Off Text: Isaiah 56:1-8; Deut. 23:1-5; Acts 8:26-39

## Announcements:

-It's not too late to join our Sunday school class on Sunday nights at 8pm on Zoom. Just go to <u>brbible.org/events</u> to find out all that you need to know to sign up and attend. -Want to know what's going on at Blue Ridge? Just go to <u>brbible.org/update</u>.

Prayer:

-Pray for our "opportunities to care" initiative, and how we can impact our region for Jesus. -Pray for the Pakistan Children Center construction to continue so that it will become operational soon. (This is the children's home that last year we raised in excess of \$50,000 to facilitate its construction.)

Sermon Questions and Application:

Big idea: God desires and is free to respond to anyone who is humble and contrite of heart towards Him.

- 1. What is one thing that you learned from these passages or sermon that was new to you?
- 2. Do you struggle with feeling like you are one of the "cut off ones," unworthy of God's care and salvation? How do these passages help you to walk by faith and not how you feel?
- 3. Review Isaiah 56:3-8. Those who received God's grace would demonstrate their faith by the way that they lived. Is God convicting you of any areas in your life in which you are more like the world than contrary to it? (i.e. What we watch, listen to, spend money on, how we act, etc?) How does God want you to change in this area?
- 4. In our passage, God showed that the ones "cut off" from the assembly didn't have to stay that way because He was ready to accept them when they repented. Is there anyone in your life that <u>you</u> aren't accepting or treating well due to their past, problems, or actions? How does God want you to start reaching out to them?
- 5. Deuteronomy 23 gave us groups of people that were cut off from the assembly. How has the Covid-19 given you a new perspective on being isolated from others? Is there anyone that God wants you to begin the process of calling them out of a spiritual or relational isolation?