Sermon 8/29/21

"Gather and Rejoice" Bible Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-14 Mark 7:14-23

As a group re-read the passages.

- Tell the group about your "fastball".
  - How fast do you think it is?
  - How wild is it when you pitch?
- What do you remember about the laws of Jesus' time?
  - How many about food?
  - How many about what you could do or not do in daily life?
- How is your theology?
  - What do you think you have to do to get God to love you?
  - How many acts of goodness, or kindness or mercy do you need to perform?
- Have you had an X-ray in your life?
  - What did you think about it? Did it freak you out to see your insides?
  - What do you think Jesus sees when He looks inside of you?
  - Does He see the ability to change?
  - Does He see a hardened heart?
- JD talked about "How God can change us from within"; we need to be available to Him and allow the idea of change to enable the change.
  - Are you willing to let God change you?
  - o Really?
- Read Romans 1:17
  - JD mentioned this is the passage of scripture that changed Martin Luther's life.
    - Do you believe that anyone can be can be saved by Grace.
    - Why or why not?
- What do you think?
  - What's the theology you live by?
  - Are you willing to have it changed from within?
- How will you live your life considering this sermon?