Sermon Notes

Insights from Luke

#52 – "Wholeness in Christ" – Luke 13:10-17

I. Introduction

- A. Pastor Don's experience of growing up with a mentally handicapped friend.
 - 1. Being different.
 - 2. Today's story highlights a difference-making disability.
- B. Today's text: Luke 13:10-17

II. Exposition

- A. Luke 13:10-11
 - 1. A desperate situation.
 - 2. Synagogues in ancient Palestine.
- B. Luke 13:12-13
 - 1. Eighteen year illness.
 - a. Social stigma
 - b. Cause of affliction
 - 1. Satan's plan make the image of God his slave.
 - 2. "Laid hands upon her" The uncommon gesture.
 - 3. Greek indicates permanent healing.
 - 4. Response of worship.

- a. Kent Hughes.
- C. Luke 13:14
 - 1. The legal counsel.
 - 2. Majored on manmade regulations of the Sabbath.
 - a. John 7:45; Matthew 23:4
- D. Luke 13:15-16
 - 1. Luke's use of the term "Lord."
 - 2. Care of animals but no care of people.
- E. Luke 13:17
 - 1. Worship breaks out.
 - 2. J.C. Ryle
 - 3. Triumph over His enemies.
 - a. Colossians 2:13-15

III. Points for Reflection

- A. The woman's hopeless condition is representative to our deliverance from sin.
- B. The woman's distorted physical condition reminds us of the distortion sin causes within the soul of man.
- C. The gospel is our new normal.
- D. Wholeness in Christ is a restoration of our humanity.