

Sermon Title: Depths of Love- Jonah Week 2

Sermon Scripture: Jonah 3:1-10



## **Sermon Discussion Guide (4/26)**

Begin the discussion by checking in with each person present and share prayer requests/praises with the group. Then, have one person offer a prayer for the group making sure to include any prayer requests that were mentioned earlier.

### **Scripture**

Read Jonah 3:1-10 out loud. Discuss any initial thoughts you have about these verses.

### **Observation**

What differences are there between the message Jonah preaches to the Ninevites in 3:4 and the message he was originally given by God in 1:2. Do you think these differences are significant? Why or why not?

How do the Ninevites respond to receiving the message from Jonah? What does their response reveal to us about the nature of true repentance?

In verse 10, how does God respond to seeing the Ninevites repentance? What does God's response reveal to us about His character and heart?

Read Romans 10:11-13. What do these words tell us about how God sees people? What might be some modern equivalents of Jews and Greeks?

## **Application**

The mercy God shows to the Ninevites shows us that no one is beyond the reach of God. Are there times when you feel like you have disqualified yourself from being loved by God? If so, how can you remain grounded in the unconditional nature of God's love?

Why do you think it can be difficult for us to believe that no other person is beyond the reach of God's love? Is there anyone you struggle to see as still being someone who is loved and called by God?

God doesn't have favorites. In what ways can you see yourself as better than other people? (Perhaps because of a lifestyle or job difference or a difference in decisions made) How can a sense of superiority prevent you from showing grace and compassion to these people?

Based on Pastor Matt's message today, what is the one primary thing you sense God speaking to you? This week, what will you do about the message you sense God speaking to you so that you can be obedient to Him?

## **Prayer**

God, we thank You that Your love reaches farther than we can imagine and that no one is beyond the reach of Your mercy. May the nature of Your grace shape how we see ourselves and how we see other people. Let us open ourselves to more fully receive Your grace and then to share this love with even those who we may see as unworthy of grace. Help us to walk in obedience with hearts fully surrendered to You and to Your will. In Jesus' name, Amen.