

Sermon Title: Depths of Love- Jonah Week 3

Sermon Scripture: Jonah 4:1-11



Sermon Discussion Guide (5/03)

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 4:1-11 out loud. Discuss any initial thoughts you have about these verses.

Observation

In these verses, what is Jonah's attitude towards God? What does Jonah think about God's character? What does Jonah think about the actions God takes?

What is the contrast present between Jonah's reaction to being given a leafy plant and Jonah's reaction to Nineveh receiving mercy? What does this contrast reveal to us about Jonah's values or priorities?

What do verses 10-11 reveal about God's attitude towards humanity? How do these verses give hope to us?

Read Matthew 12:38-45. Why does the impure spirit, along with others, come back to the house? What do you think would have prevented their returning to inhabit the house?

Application

What do you believe to be true about God? Are there any things that you wish were true about God (maybe that relate to your own prosperity or comfort) but that don't reflect God as He actually is? How might these distortions keep you from rightly knowing God and living your life according to His will?

Has there ever been a time when you have tried to repent or turn away from sin, but without turning towards God and being filled with the Holy Spirit? If so, how did this work out?

The work of repentance is not complete until we turn to God, receive the Holy Spirit, and experience transformation. In what area of your life is God currently calling you to a repentance that is not just about regret or turning from sin but that also involves transformation and a life that reflects the fruit of the Spirit?

God is patient. As we close this series on Jonah, how is God inviting you into a deeper trust in Him and His goodness? Is there a step you will take this week in order to more fully live out this trust in God?

Prayer

Gracious God, You are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. We praise You for Your grace that reaches beyond anything we could imagine. Forgive us for the ways we resist Your calling and settle for being outwardly changed but not inwardly transformed. We ask You to search our hearts, reshape our inner being, and fill every place with Your Spirit so that there is no room for bitterness or pride. Turn our hearts back to You. Teach us to rejoice in Your promises and to share this great hope with others. Amen.