



**Dig Deeper @Home – “Relenting God, Relentless Love”
Complement to sermon on May 22 – Going Our Way**

MEMORIZE – Jonah 2:8

“Those who worship false gods turn their backs on all God’s mercies”

READ Jonah chapter 1

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. What is this passage revealing about God and what is it revealing about us as humans?
2. If the above is true, what needs to change in your life? What will that look like?
3. Joppa was an important port/trade city in the ancient near east. But it was also a critical city for God to accomplish his plans. Read Acts 9:32-10:48. How is this story related to Jonah 1? What does this mean for all who follow Jesus?
4. Jonah is fleeing “from the presence of the LORD” (v3) and heading “down” (used 3 times 6 verses)
 - a. Who else attempts to flee from God’s presence? (hint: Genesis 3)
 - b. How are these accounts similar and different?
 - c. When in your life have you “fled from God’s presence?”
 - d. What is God’s response when His people try to flee from him? How is his response a comfort? (Hint: also look at Romans 8:38-39)

Bottom Line (give a one or two sentence summary of the scripture you just read):

Experiential

Sometimes activities help us to understand and process biblical truths. The below is one suggestion for how to experience the truths of Jonah 1. Feel free to use this one or any you might come up with.

We all have a Part to Play -

<https://www.facebook.com/1731212513792521/videos/1741001856146920/?pnref=story>

Watch this video. God desires to reach the entire world and He allows us to participate with Him in this work. Think about this video in light of Acts 9:32-10:48 and Jonah chapter 1, specifically verses 11-16. Be sure to notice all the pieces necessary to make it work, some have big roles and some have small roles, but all are significant for if one is missing, it would not work. Spend time praying this week for God to bring people into your life that you can share Christ with.

SING (a suggested song to sing. Use this or any song you might want to sing)

Depth of Mercy - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Serum4A0pb4> (contemporary version with slightly different words)

Hymn 233 in the Mennonite Hymnal. If you can't sing it, just read the words. Powerful!

For the Sake of the World - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NAS0936wkBw>

A great song reminding us that God's purposes are for the whole world to know Him and that our lives are instruments to make that happen.

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and praise reports. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to show up in our lives.

Sending prayer based on the lesson:

Jesus, we go knowing that our lives are for Your glory and the good of others. Open our eyes to see those you are calling us to love and lead to you. Amen