



Dig Deeper @Home – “Relenting God, Relentless Love”
Complement to sermon on June 19 – “Trusting God’s Way”

MEMORIZE – Jonah 2:8

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

READ Jonah 4: 1-11

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. Compare and contrast the prayer of Jonah in chapter 2 to his prayer here in chapter 4. What do you notice?

4. Jonah describes God in his prayer as being merciful and compassionate, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love and relenting from disaster. Are Jonah’s actions consistent with the God he follows? How or how not? Are yours? How or how not?

5. In verse 10 and 11 God brings Jonah’s attitude to account pointing out that if Jonah gets angry when something he didn’t make perishes, should not God get angry when people He created perish. If God’s spirit lives in us, how should that change the way we view all people, even our enemies? What does it look like for your actions to line up with God’s true heart for people?

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 4. Feel free to use this one or any you might come up with.

“Commit to Pray”

Ever find yourself complaining about someone, maybe a neighbor, a family member or someone at work/school? This week, commit to turn in prayer for that person instead asking God to soften your heart towards them and to help you show His love and grace to them.

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

God of Grace and God of Glory - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jAamGJabl2o>

In the Hymnal #594. A great reminder that the gospel is for all people of all nations.

Lay me Down - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0pkWrvCZDHA>

As we sing “your will, your way” remember His will is for all people to know Him and follow Him. He reaches all people through His people, you and me. We lay down any prejudice we carry in order to reach all the people He wants to reach, even our enemies.

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:

Thank you, Father, for your grace. Help us to joyfully share that grace with all people. Please remove anything within us that is keeping us from extending your grace to a group of people or an individual in our life. Use us to lead all people to you through Jesus Christ.