

Out of Touch with God's Mercy

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Text: Jonah 4

Introduction:

Big Idea: A spirit of unforgiveness and a lack of generosity are indicators you are out of touch with the mercy of God in your own life.

1. Never forget who God is (4:1-4)

- God is... (1-2)
 - _____
 - _____
 - Long-suffering
 - _____
 - Patiently _____
- God is the _____ (3-4)

2. Never forget your purpose for being here (4:5-8)

- You are not here to sit and wait for lost people to experience the _____ of God.
- You are not here to _____ in the blessings of God and forget lost people.

3. Never forget what really does matter (9-10)

- You need to have God's perspective: **The stuff of life** _____
- _____ **to God**

Truth Into Action:

- Treasuring the mercy of God will cause me to become forgiving and generous.
- When the mercy of God grips me, the plight of lost people will re-orient me.

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- **Does your life reflect the heart of God or Jonah?**
- How may we help & pray for you?



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Table Talk

Warm Up: Think of a time when you had a pouty attitude. What was the cause and how did it play out?

1. According to Jonah 4:2, why did Jonah flee to Tarshish (1:3)? According to 4:2, what is God like?

Why do you think Jonah has a problem with this?

2. Think back to Jonah 1 where we read about Jonah's experience on the ship. How does Jonah's attitude towards the Ninevites compare to the sailor's attitude towards him? How does God's compassion compare to Jonah's?

Does this challenge the attitudes you have toward people?

3. What does the interaction between Jonah and God in verses 3-4 teach us about our relationship with God?
4. What do you think Jonah was waiting to see in verse 5?
5. In the closing verses of this chapter, we see God continually provide for His obstinate prophet. In your most stubborn times, how has God expressed grace and mercy in your life?
6. What do verses 10-11 teach us about God?
7. We are much like Jonah. We want to receive God's forgiveness, but we are not always willing to extend it to others. Who is it that we need to extend forgiveness to?
8. How is God calling you to grow in compassion for the lost?

Closing Prayer: