

Sermon Notes

Big Idea: God is on a mission to change the world. Unfortunately, His Church is often reluctant to join Him. The story of Jonah is a prophetic wake-up call to the current state of Christianity to stop fleeing from God's purpose and Presence, and get back on mission.

Truth #1: God is on a Mission to Change the World

Truth #2: His Church is often Reluctant to join Him

Matthew 12:38-41 (ESV)

Three Aspects to the Sign of Jonah:

- **Mystery**
- **Mercy**
- **Mission**

God's not looking for perfect people. He's longing for us to be 'example' people. Be an example of His Grace poured out over your life, and be willing to go and tell people about that grace when the opportunities arise. Grace means go!

Acts 1:3-11 (ESV)

PRAY, GIVE, GO

Discussion Questions

- 1)** What impacted you the most from this week's message? Encouraged you? Challenged you?
- 2)** How has the story of Jonah stretched or strengthened your faith when it comes to joining God on His mission to change the world?
- 3)** Read Matthew 12:38-41. How does the "sign of Jonah" refer to Jesus' resurrection? How does this "sign" take away all excuses from Christians to join the Mission of Mercy?
- 4)** Do you sometimes struggle with the need to be a flawless example of a Christian before you can share your faith with others? Have you learned to simply be an example of God's grace? Explain.
- 5)** What are some steps God is calling you to take as a result of our ROC series? Pray, Give, Go?