

Jonah: Running into Grace (#4 of 4) March 12, 2017

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 - In what ways have we been living like family recently? How will we live out our family identity in the coming week?
 - How have we lived as servants to one another or to our world this past week? What needs or opportunities to serve is God is asking us to lean into?
 - How have we lived on mission where we live, work, play, or went this past week? Who do we know that needs to hear the good news of Jesus?
- 2) Read Jonah 4. What verse(s) stand out to you and why? What did you find most impactful or challenging from the sermon?
- 3) What do we learn about God from *how* he interacted as a teacher to Jonah throughout this chapter?
- 4) Read Isaiah 55:8-9. Share about something, in the past or present, that you have struggled to embrace from God's Word. If it was in the past, how did you get to the point of submitting to God's way on that issue. If it is a present issue, what are you going to do to journey through that in a God-honoring way?
- 5) In what ways does Jonah display a non-submissive heart towards God? What would it look like for Jonah (or anyone) to be fully submitted to the greater mission of God in the world? What is one way God may be calling you to move from the sidelines and "into the game" with regards to God's Kingdom purposes?
- 6) God knew that the Ninevites would soon turn back away from him, and yet he still chose to forgive them when they repented. Could you do the same? Is there anyone (a specific person, organization, country, etc) that you have "written off" that you need God's help to forgive?
- 7) What will it look like for your Impact Community to live as a fully submitted community to the Lord? Is there any way your IC is not fully submitted to God's ways, God's mission, or God's grace? Pray together for God's input, and offer your IC in submission to God!

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SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message

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With Aaron Richert,
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March 12, 2017



Jonah 4:1-3

This change of plans greatly upset Jonah, and he became very angry. ² So he complained to the Lord about it: "Didn't I say before I left home that you would do this, Lord? That is why I ran away to Tarshish! I knew that you are a merciful and compassionate God, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. You are eager to turn back from destroying people. ³ Just kill me now, Lord! I'd rather be dead than alive if what I predicted will not happen."

 **GOD'S WAYS are not OUR WAYS, and that's a good thing.**

Isaiah 55:8-9 "My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the Lord. "And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. ⁹ For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts."

What are you currently angry with God about? What are you disagreeing with God about?

 **OBEDIENCE is different than SUBMISSION.**

Isaiah 6:8 Then I heard the Lord asking, "Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for us?" I said, "Here I am. Send me."

Have you submitted not only to the grace of God in your life, but also to the greater mission of God?

Jonah 4:5-10

 **God's GRACE is greater than we think.**

Who do you view as beyond the reach of God's grace?

Romans 5:8-9 But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. ⁹ And since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God's condemnation.

Big Idea: There is no SATISFACTION without SUBMISSION.

Knowing that God is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry, filled with unfailing love, and eager to turn back from destroying people, let's...

▶ **Submit our minds to his PERFECT WAYS.**

▶ **Submit our lives to his GREATER MISSION.**

▶ **Submit our hearts to his UNTHINKABLE GRACE.**