



THIS WEEK

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH, KAILUA KONA, HAWAII

events

Aloha! We are glad you are here. Please visit the welcome table for more information.

Nursery and Kids' Church:
Sunday mornings - sign-in each child at the back table.

Vacation Bible School is coming to Grace on **July 19** and we **need volunteers and donations** For more information, flyers are at the welcome table or contact Michelle.

Communion today -
Prepackage elements

Food Drive today. Lt Raghel from Salvation Army is with us.

Brooke's shower today at Kim Dong's house at noon.

Ways to Give:

- Online on our website or app
- Giving box on Sundays
- Mail a check to the church

Giving January through June

- Budgeted - \$167,500
- Actual - \$191,863



SERMON NOTES

Andrew Severinsen - Jonah

The Compassion of the Sovereign Creator

Big Idea: The story of Jonah shows us the compassion of the Sovereign Creator, revealing the following two purposes:

1. to correct Israel's nationalistic outlook, and
2. to show that theology is to be the basis for one's life.

- Jonah the reluctant prophet
— Why would God use Jonah?

So Jonah, do we dare to hope?

DIVING DEEPER

- 1:1-16 — 1st call of the Lord to Jonah
 - Focus is Jonah's response: he runs from God
- 1:17-2:10 — God's rescue: "And the Lord appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah"
 - Focus is Jonah's response: he's thankful
- 3:1-10 — 2nd call of the Lord to Jonah
 - Focus is Nineveh's response: they turn to God
- 4:1-5 — God's rescue: "For I knew you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster" (4:2)
 - Focus is Jonah's response: he's angry
- 4:6-11 — object lesson: "Now the Lord God appointed a plant..." (4:6)
 - Focus is God's right to compassion

Some thoughts and application questions from Jonah

1. Who is someone in your life you've struggled to love?
2. Can you picture this person from God's perspective? How does He see him/her with compassion?
3. What is one way you can join God's perspective and show love toward this person today?

The prophet Jonah despised the people who God sent him to warn. They were his enemies and he wanted nothing to do with them. Though Jonah loves when God shows him compassion, he is ready to die when God shows that same mercy to his enemies. But God doesn't just want Jonah to preach to his enemies, He wants Jonah to show them compassion. Will Jonah agree with God's merciful perspective? Will we agree? The book leaves us with this question and the chance to self-reflect.

1. Compare Jonah 4:2 to Exodus 34:5-9. How are these passages similar and different from one another? What comes to mind as you consider the irony in these two stories?
2. Compare Jonah 4:5-8 and 1 Kings 19:3-5. How are these passages similar and different from one another? What comes to mind as you consider the irony in these two stories?
3. Compare and contrast the lives of Jonah and Jesus. How are their stories similar and different? How did they respond to their enemies? Why were they each willing to die?

Turn your reflections into a prayer. Admit the ways in which you identify with Jonah's lack of compassion. Express appreciation for God's compassionate character and pray for renewed ability to reflect His character toward those you struggle to love.