

Jonah Part 1 HANDOUT

2.5.23

Key Themes: Disobedience and Revival / God's Calling and Jonah's Conflict

Jonah 1:1-2 The word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai: 2“Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me.”

Israel hated the Assyrians - so Jonah's reaction might seem viable to us. But what really matters is what God thinks of his reaction.

Jonah 1:3a But Jonah ran away from the Lord and headed for Tarshish...

- Jonah does not respond according to the character of God, rather He responds to His own personal preferences.
- People/Church today isn't loving the unlovely and those who need a Savior

Mark 2:17 On hearing this, Jesus said to them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

KEY: The church is determining who should be saved or not saved based on how comfortable I am engaging them.

Jonah - grave error in judgement - **lack of compassion for broken and lost people**

Jonah 1:3b ...He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the Lord.

KEY: Jonah's response exposed his heart to God's call and God's mission. The same is true of you and me. My response, your response...it exposes our heart towards God's Word, God's call, and God's mission.

Matthew 9:36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

- God needs to do work in our hearts - what is behind my lack of compassion - and transform me into the likeness of Christ.

Jonah 1:4 Then the Lord sent a great wind on the sea, and such a violent storm arose that the ship threatened to break up.

- What is that in your life? What is it in your life that numbs you to the presence of God - that He would have to hurl a storm at in order to get your attention?
- God loves you too much to let you keep running in the wrong direction.

Jonah 1:5 All the sailors were afraid and each cried out to his own god. And they threw the cargo into the sea to lighten the ship. But Jonah had gone below deck, where he lay down and fell into a deep sleep.

KEY: Living in disobedience to God is living below what He wants you to be and where He wants you to go.

Jonah 1:6 The captain went to him and said, “How can you sleep? Get up and call on your god! Maybe he will take notice of us so that we will not perish.”

He used an unbeliever to call out God’s prophet.

Ephesians 5:14 This is why it is said: “Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

Ephesians 5:15-16 Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.

POINT: My obedience comes out of my surrender and my relationship with the Lord.