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God Relents; Jonah Vents

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Choose to selflessly love people over your own desire for comfort

1. You can have attitudes and perspectives that simply aren't right

Jonah 4:1-4

Jonah's theology was not the problem; his callous heart was

2. Your comfort can become your main pursuit

Jonah 4:5-9

When your focus is on you, you will value your version of fairness more than you will value how that fairness impacts other people

When your focus is on you, you will value your comfort at a disproportionate level that begins to assume that you're entitled to something that God was never bound to provide for you

Hebrews 12:1-3

Ephesians 5:1-2

3. God's grace is meant to be dispensed, not hoarded

Jonah 4:10-11

Choose to see God's mission to bring His message of mercy and grace to a world, to your world, who needs it so and join Him in that mission as His ambassador to your world

Now What? Choose to selflessly love people over your own desire for comfort



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Share It

Get to know one another

Were you ever mad at people or God because someone 'didn't get what they had comin' to them?'



Study the Word

Learning to know God from the Bible

Read through Jonah 4. List the emotional responses of Jonah in this chapter. What are God's responses to his reactions?

Contrast God's and Jonah's character. What are the main differences?

List the elements and animals God manipulated to reach Jonah. Why might God be doing this? Does God do this with us?

How are we sometimes like Jonah in our reactions? What would be a good thing to ask ourselves?

What is God saying with the final question? (11)



Discuss Together

Discuss how God can change our lives

How would you summarize the main message of the Jonah series? How is this just as relevant today?

Our own comfort or indifference can interfere with our mission to share God's mercy and grace. What helps us overcome this tendency? How can we stay away from the 'Jonah syndrome?'

Who is someone in your life that you long to see included in God's kingdom? Is God asking you to love, serve, or reach out? How could this happen? Is anything holding you back? How can we pray for you and your friend?



Time to Pray

Praying with and for one another helps us trust in God together. Please pray . . .

- Spend some time praying for Easter outreach in our community
- Pray for Middle and High School students reaching their worlds
- Pray for Pastor Todd and his family



Apply It This Week

A challenge to apply what we are learning

As God's ambassador, look for opportunities to bring His mercy and grace into your world.