

Message Based Discussion

Jonah 1

God's Enduring Grace
Jonah 1
May 14, 2017
Reading: Matthew 5:43-48

What did you like about this message?
What did you find hard to accept or understand?
What does this message teach you about people?
What does this message teach us about God? What does it teach about Jesus?
What will you do now? Based on this message, how will your life change?
How specifically are you going to live out today's lesson?
Who will you tell? With whom will you have a conversation about this message?

Enduring: *adj.* patient; long-suffering;
patiently bearing continual wrongs or trouble

Introduction:
(2 Kings 14:25)

The Call to Christian Discipleship

At the outset of the Book of Jonah God calls Jonah, details his mission, and sends him to fulfill it. One would think that the rest of the story would be glorious. That Jonah would go and preach and sinners would repent. Unfortunately, that is not the story we have. In his own words, Jonah tried to escape the presence of the Lord. Have you ever tried to escape the presence of the Lord? The overarching question for this study is: Will *we* do what God calls us to do? After reading Jonah 1, how would you respond?

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1. God's Call (vs. 1-2)

The Call to Missional Living

The message God gave Jonah in 1:2 is one of judgement but not repentance. This is different than John the Baptists' message (Matthew 3:2), and Jesus' message (Mark 1:15) which both include repentance as an offer of hope. When you interact with the world, which message do you convey? Does your testimony offer just judgement, or a call to repentance in the hope of salvation?

Pray

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2. Jonah's Response (vs. 3)

4. Jonah's Pride (vs. 7-13)

3. God's Patience (vs. 4-6)

5. God's Glory (vs. 14-17)