



Week 15

Sermon Series: Surrendered: Hosea, Titus, Philemon, Jonah

Sermon Title: Do We Really Care?

Sermon Text: Jonah 4

Study Handout Week of: December 2, 2018

Group Week of: December 9, 2018

Sermon Date: December 16, 2018

BEFORE WE BEGIN: What was your takeaway from this past Sunday's sermon?

DOCTRINE: God's Grace- "is his undeserved, unearned, unrecompensed and for unbelievers, unwanted favor toward mankind. It is God's condescending, judicial benevolence toward the deserved guilt of sinners. It, thus, emphasizes the need for forgiveness. Further grace is not only shown to the undeserving but to the ill-deserving. Grace acts without reference to desert at all." -*A Systematic Theology of Biblical Christianity, volume 1, page 268*

ATTRIBUTE OF GOD/JESUS: longsuffering- God is longsuffering towards his people. "To be longsuffering, then, is to have self-restraint when one is stirred to anger. A longsuffering person does not immediately retaliate or punish; rather, he has a "long fuse" and patiently forbears. Longsuffering is associated with mercy (1 Peter 3:20) and hope (1 Thessalonians 1:3). It does not surrender to circumstances or succumb to trial." www.gotquestions.org/Bible-longsuffering.html

DAY 1 Read Jonah 4

1. What stands out to you in this chapter?

2. What questions do you have after reading this?

DAY 2 Read Jonah 4, James 1:19-20, Proverbs 29:11

1. What made Jonah angry?

2. Why did it make Jonah angry?

3. What is the real source of Jonah's anger?

4. What things have you seen in others that made you angry only to later find those same things in yourself?

DAY 3 Read Jonah 4, 2 Peter 3:9, Ephesians 2:8-10, Titus 3:5

1. How does Jonah 4 show a picture of God's heart?
2. Throughout the book of Jonah, in what ways has God shown His grace?
3. What is God's desire for all peoples in the world?
4. How do you seek to avoid God's command to share your faith with others?

DAY 4 Read Jonah 4, James 2:1-13

1. In what ways did Jonah show prejudice? Why?
2. How does prejudice compromise our Christian testimony? How do we begrudge God's love for others?
3. Where do you see prejudice among Christians today?

DAY 5 Read Jonah 4

1. What was Jonah expecting to happen to the city of Nineveh as he sat down east of the city?
2. What does this show about the state of Jonah's heart and how is this ironic, given how God had treated him?
3. In what ways are Jonah and the people of Nineveh alike?
4. How are we like Jonah? Are you okay with God loving YOUR enemies?
5. What are your thoughts on how the book of Jonah ends?