

Week 3 Messy Grace: Grace For All

Jonah 1:2

²“Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me.”

Jonah 4:2

Isn't this what I said, Lord, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity.

Jonah 1:9

I worship the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land.

Jonah 1:14

¹⁴Then they cried out to the Lord, “Please, Lord, do not let us die for taking this man's life. Do not hold us accountable for killing an innocent man, for you, Lord, have done as you pleased.”

Jonah 2:9b-10

I will say, ‘Salvation comes from the Lord.’” And the Lord commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Luke 6:35

But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked.

Matthew 5:46

⁴⁶If you love those who love you, what reward will you get?

Study Guide -

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Getting Ready:

What are some things you have observed in your life or in others that don't seem fair?

Into the Bible Questions:

- What is something from this week's teaching that you learned, that stood out, that was interesting etc.?
- What did Jonah feel was unfair in how God dealt with the people of Nineveh? In how God dealt with him? Do you agree with Jonah? Why or why not?
- Pastor Kirby suggested that Jonah wasn't actually trying to run away from God, but he was running away from what God called him to do. What is the difference? How does Jonah 1:9 reveal that Jonah isn't running away from God?
- Consider how these different people responded to God's grace. Which is most like you?
 - Jonah - how he responded to God's grace shown to the people of Nineveh
 - Jonah - how he responded to God's grace shown to him
 - The sailors
 - The people of Nineveh

Application Questions:

- What is your experience with receiving the grace of God? Is it hard for you to accept that God can love you and is gracious towards you?
- What is your experience with extending the grace of God? Is it hard for you to accept that God's grace is for ALL? With what people do you struggle to show God's grace?
- When we pray about difficult things in our life, we approach God and ask Him to be on our team, do it our way, etc. What changes take place in your heart and mind when you approach God with the intent of being on HIS team? See Luke 6:35

Prayer Time:

Remember the body and blood of Jesus given for you. Tell God what his grace means to you. Ask the Holy Spirit to empower you to show that grace to those around you.