

JONAH

RESPONDING TO GOD'S COMPASSIONATE CALL

Community Group Questions Feb 7, 2021

A Gracious and Compassionate God Jonah 3:10–4:11

Kicking Things Off

There is a very obvious connection between what we have been reading in Love Kindness and our study of Jonah when it comes to the mission God has for His people. What is that connection?

Dr. Corey lists seven ways the church can continue as a vibrant and winsome witness in the world (pp. 201-221). Which of these seven do you resonate with the most?

Getting Into It

Read Jonah 3:10–4:11

Why does the book of Jonah not end with chapter 3?

How does Jonah describe the character of God here?

Just like Jonah, if we are honest, there are times that we get angry with God. What is going on in our hearts during those times?

Discuss the incongruity between our hearts during these times and the character of God we see here as Jonah describes Him.

When we have sinned, we typically want mercy. When others have sinned against us, we want justice. How does God's grace perfectly answer each of these situations?

How does the character of God impact us when we think of the mission God has called us to?

Why is Jonah having such a difficult time getting his heart engaged in the mission of God?

Why do we also struggle at times?

Dr. Corey says, "As disciples of Jesus, we are not called to be nice. We are called to be kind." (p. 212) What's the difference? How does this work itself out as we are on mission?

"Kindness is not merely good works to improve someone's life. It leads to new life in Christ." (p. 217) What does Dr. Corey mean by that?

Instead of the extremes of isolation on the one hand and conformity on the other, we can be committed to both truth and grace (the first two values of The Fields) and be "ex-centric" and "focus outside our walls" (p. 200). What does that mean for the gospel mission God has called us to?

The Parting Shot

Read Romans 1:16. Sometimes we are afraid or intimidated to share our faith. How does this verse encourage us?

Spend time praying for courage, opportunity, and God's grace to boldly share the gospel with others.

