



4. JONAH THE ANGRY PROPHET

Sermon Notes

Text: Jonah 4:1-11

Intro:

Jonah is so angry that he wants to die.

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The purpose of Jonah's story is to point out hypocrisy.

Jonah's hypocrisy is not hard to see

God calls out Jonah's anger - "Is it right for you to be angry?"

Have you ever had a time when you were angry and you felt justified in your anger?

God's anger is temporary but love and compassion are permanent attributes of God's holy character

Jonah is more comfortable with God's justice than God's mercy

Share your heart with God and ask him to share his with you

Do we care more about people or about things?

Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32)

- the older son was angry because of the mercy shown by the Father
- Jonah is like the older son who is angry at God's compassion
- Jesus tells us to love our enemies

Conclusion:

Jonah was right that the Ninevites did not deserve God's mercy, but neither do we. May we not be hypocrites, but instead may we be agents of reconciliation.

Life Group Discussion

Warm up:

1. Do you have any funny stories about anger? Tell one to the group!
2. What stood out to you about Sunday's sermon? What was interesting? Confusing? Weird? Thought provoking?

Study & Discussion:

1. Do you rejoice when you see justice accomplished or do you prefer mercy
2. Share a time when you questioned God? Share a time when you were angry with God? Was it right for you to be angry?
3. What does it mean for us that God's anger is temporary but that his love and compassion are part of his character?
4. Read Luke 15:11-32. In what ways does this story compare with Jonah's story? How is it different?
5. With this being the final message of Jonah, what has spoke the most to you out of this series? What have you learned about Jonah? What

Application:

1. In what ways do we need to be agents of God's mercy instead of seeking justice alone?

Prayer:

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