

SERMON NOTES

Date: January 27, 2019

Title: God's Heart of Compassion

Text: Book of Jonah

Big Idea: God's compassionate character is to be reflected in the way we show compassion to the world that he made and so deeply cares about.

DISCUSS THE ISSUE

What moral issues in our land make us deserving of God's righteous judgment, just like Nineveh?

In what ways does God want the church to be a voice of truth and grace in the midst of these issues?

How might the church be more like Jonah and not so much like the prophetic voice God intends?

APPLY THE TRUTH

What is your "Nineveh"—the thing God wants you to do that you don't want to do? What issue or problem does God want you speak to and get involved with that you don't want to?

Sin and silence have consequences. Jonah's disobedience not only led to his own discipline, but a scary near-miss for the pagan sailors. In what ways does your disobedience have a cost, not only for you, but for those around you?

God gives second chances (1:1, 3:1). What second chances is giving you and how are you going to respond? God loves all people. Do you? God loves even *your* enemy? The Ninevites were Jonah's enemies, whom he found difficult to love. Who are your Ninevites? How can you cloth yourselves with loving attitudes and be prepared to show loving actions?

COMMIT THIS WEEK

God's compassionate character is to be reflected in the way we show compassion to the world that he made and so deeply cares about. Prayerfully ask God for opportunities to show compassion this week, even to your enemies, even to those who may not deserve it.