

PRODIGAL EVANGELISM

Jonah 4.9-11

JONAH THE POUTING PROPHET

Jonah 4.9-11 // John 15.16 // 1 John 4.19

**God didn't give us grace because we believe
We believe because He gave us grace.**

Jonah, like many Jews, saw that God gave them favor because they were Jews. They saw themselves as privileged and deserving of grace because of their nationality, upbringing, morality, and civility. But Paul makes it clear that being a believer has nothing to do with anything outward, but inward. Jonah had an inward bias, a prejudice, even a racism towards non-Jews.

Romans 2.29, 4.9-11, 9.14, 15

SHOWING HOSPITALITY

Leviticus 19:33-34 // 1 Peter 2.9-12 // 2 Timothy 4.1-5

Hospitality: the biblical word for "hospitality" literally means "love for strangers."

Biblical Hospitality is *not* just simply being a good host for your friends. It's not being a great entertainer. But it is being welcoming, loving, and opening up your home and your life to Gospel outsiders.

**As ambassadors, we are not here to win arguments,
but we are here to win souls.**

God has called each of us to the ministry of reconciliation. No matter how you are individually gifted or called, we have that same task. And as **2 Timothy 4.5** states, you are to fulfill *your* ministry.

We are NOT to be ambassadors of self, we are NOT to be ambassadors of moralism, we are NOT to be ambassadors of the Law, we are NOT to be ambassadors of anything except for Christ.

PUT TO DEATH FEAR AND ASSUMPTION

Church, we must put aside our fear of man. We must also put aside our assumptions of man. Do you have a friend who "would *never* believe in Christ," or a family member who is "so far from the Lord" that they would never repent? Clearly, you have not considered recently where God has saved you from. We often have a minimized picture of our depth of sin and darkness.

What kingdom sets your schedule? How do you feel about the city and neighborhood you live in? Where are you showing biblical hospitality with an aim to see people go from being outsiders to people brought into the Kingdom?

NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

James 1:14

But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering during service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some snacks or coffee in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our kids' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security.

Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions email **Katie McGinty** at katie@lifemission.tv

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** worship with the adults and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service.

Our **9th - 12th graders** stay in the service with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate school. Our **High School Ministry meets on Thursday Nights @7PM** here at Classical Academy in the Study Hall. For more info or questions about our student ministries, email **Casey Barnes** at casey@lifemission.tv.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before your group starts, is there anyone who can share the Memory Verse?

Read **1 Peter 2:9-12**. What stuck out to you in these verses or was the most impactful from the message on Sunday? _____

Pastor Jobey explained on Sunday that God didn't give us grace because we believe, but instead we believe because He gave us grace. Read **John 15:16**. Is this difficult for you to believe or accept? How might this change your perspective on how you view your salvation? _____

Even further, how might it affect how you view the sharing of your faith? _____

2 Corinthians 5:20 calls us Ambassadors for Christ. What does this mean to you? When you share your faith as an ambassador for Christ, is your motive to win the argument or hoping for a soul to be won over? How do you approach this? _____

How would you describe biblical hospitality? _____

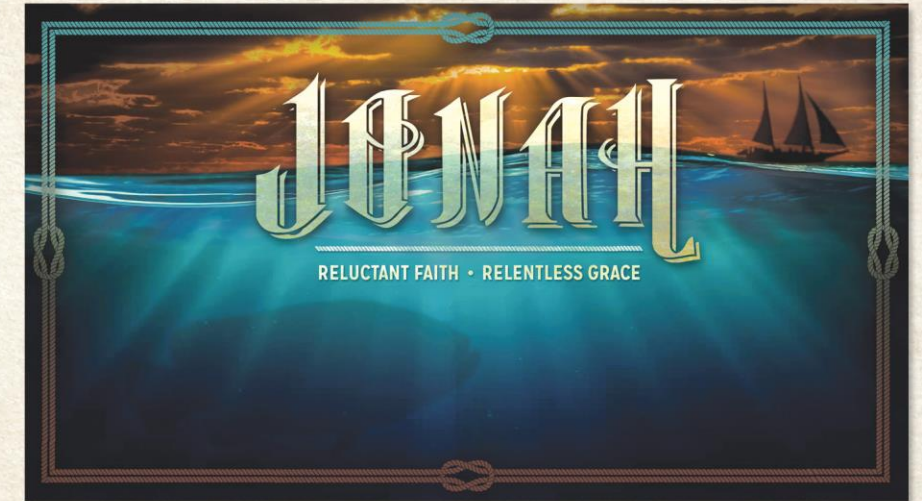
Encourage the group with some simple ways you have been practicing biblical hospitality. What has been going well, and what could you use some help in taking that hospitality to the next step? _____

Last week at the Evangelism Workshop, we were encouraged to put together a "plan" for evangelism and biblical hospitality. Consider these questions:

- Who (co-workers, friends, etc.) can you plan to be intentional toward?
- How can you plan to make yourself available to them?
- When will you start the plan in motion?

How did you see Jesus glorified in this week's text? How are you in awe of Jesus more now after reading this text? Were you convicted about sin in any way after reading this week's text? _____

Take some time in your group to admit and confess any lack of desire to share the Gospel with others. Pray for and encourage one another as you do so. Remind one another that God chose us to show the world His way, His saving power among all the nations. Pray for boldness, compassion, and for a deeper sense of urgency to share the Gospel with others.



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