

GOD'S MISSIONARY CALL

Embrace God's Missionary Perspective

Praises/answered prayer

Ice Breaker: What part of the world outside your own country are you particularly concerned to see evangelized? Why?

Review: Jonah 3:3-10

Read: Jonah 4:1-11 (pray for God's guidance)

Love Lost People (vv. 1-3)

1. Describe in your own words what we discover about God's nature from these verses.
2. Discuss Jonah's attitude? How does his being a Jew affect his attitude? How would you have felt?
3. What are the results of the spiritual arrogance of the Jews when Jesus comes on the scene? Can we display spiritual arrogance? Explain.

Replace Self-Interest With Compassion (vv. 4-9)

1. Discuss how God ("The Wonderful Counselor" - Isaiah 9:6 and "the Loving Heavenly Father who disciplines for our good" – Hebrews 12:10) challenges Jonah to do some self-searching.
2. What are the results of God providing the vine?

3. Reflect and discuss: “If we do not find a greater joy in the salvation of lost people than in serving our own self-centered wishes, we are exhibiting Jonah’s attitude of putting comfort above being involved in missions.”

See People As God Sees Them (vv. 10-11)

Focus in on the word “concerned”. Used here it means to pity, share or grieve for.

1. How is the word “concerned” contrasted in these verses?

2. To help us see people as God sees them, take a moment to review:
 - a. Actions God took through history to redeem mankind
 - b. Verses that communicate God’s compassion for lost people.

Wrap Up: List 3 things you could do to develop God’s compassion for lost people. (then share them with the group)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Prayer:

For God to enlarge our missionary vision

For the needs of one another

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- L** ♦ Learn..... applying Biblical truth for everyday living
- I** ♦ Invite.....welcoming others to our fellowship
- F** ♦ Fellowship.....nurturing Christ centered caring relationships
- E** ♦ Evangelism..... reaching others with the hope of Christ