

GOD'S MISSIONARY CALL

Obey God And Experience Him

Additional praises/significant happenings this past week:

Ice Breaker: Which is more important to God, your ability or availability? Why?

- * Brief prayer seeking spiritual understanding
- * Read Jonah 3:1-10

God Sometimes Gives Second Chances (vv. 1-2)

1. Compare God's requests of Jonah in 3:2 and 1:2. How are they different? Similar?

2. Why do you think God gave Jonah a second chance? The Ninevites? Were they worthy of a "second chance"?

3. How did God grant a "second chance" to:
 - A) Mankind through Noah & his family
 - B) Moses and the Israelites in receiving the Ten Commandments
 - C) Peter after his denial of knowing Jesus
 - D) Paul

Even though God can sometimes give second chances, why must we not assume that He will?
Discuss the consequences of passing up on second chances.

We Obey – Leave The Results to God (vv. 3-4)

1. What was the apparent message God gave Jonah to proclaim to the Ninevites (summed up in v. 4)? Was it negative or positive? Considering Jonah's fishin' experience, how do you think you would have responded to God's second chance?

2. Modern day media advisors would have told Jonah to soft-pedal the judgmental approach. What are the dangers in down playing or “sugar-coating” the consequences of sin?

Learning more effective ways of communication can be helpful. Discuss how you would talk to a non-believing friend or relative about sin so that they aren’t repulsed and turn and walk away.

God Uses Obedient People (vv. 5-10)

1. Identify words and phrases that describe the response to Jonah’s words:

A) by the Ninevites

B) their king

2. How do you account for their response to Jonah’s message?

For God’s change of heart (v. 10)?

What does this say about God’s will?

Wrap up: What does this lesson say about God’s use of us to achieve His will and carryout the mission of His church?

Prayer:

For the needs of one another

For our personal involvement in Missions

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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