

Engaging God's Compassion

A study on God's compassion in the book of Jonah

Jonah 3: Embracing God's Compassion

1. Are there any words or phrases in the Bible that really stand out to you?
2. Are you one to say what you think quickly? Are you verbally precise like the author of Jonah?
3. Have you ever felt as though God enabled you to do a great work for Him? What did you feel before, during and after (if you can remember)?
4. Are you ever so disheartened with the way our nation is headed that you feel it is impossible for God to redeem our culture?
5. Which is most difficult for you when embracing God's compassion: evangelizing when you feel like God is asking you, forgiving someone who may not deserve it, or praying for 'evil' people in the world?
6. Have you ever fasted before? What was the experience like? What did you fast for?
7. When repenting of something God is convicting you of, do you find that it follows the pattern of the Ninevites? They chose to repent first, showed their sincerity, called on God, and then changed their ways. Do you think this is a fair guide or practical application of what repentance might look like for us?
8. Looking back over your history, what is one surprising change that God has made in you as you have embraced His compassion?
9. Do you like fireworks? What is your favorite firework?
10. Each firework has the same external constant of ignition and lift while the inside of the firework makes the different colors. God is like the external constant. Our hearts are the internal chemical compound. What is something in your heart that God is asking you to change to be a more beautiful firework?