

Jonah: The Gospel Run

Jonah 4

1. How has your view of Jonah changed during the sermon series? How has your understanding of Jonah challenged the way you look at yourself?
2. Why is Jonah so angry with God? Have you ever been angry with God? Is it ever ok to be angry with God? Why or why not?
3. What do you think God is trying to teach Jonah through chapter 4? Is this a continuation of the tough lessons of chapter 2 or something different?
4. Read Exodus 34:6-7. How does God describe himself in this central confessional passage of the Old Testament? Why does Jonah say these same words back to God? What is the effect on you as a reader?
5. Read Luke 15:11-32. How are Jonah and the Elder Brother connected? What have both failed to understand?
6. How does Jonah 4 convict, challenge, or comfort you? (See Leslie Allen's challenging closing statement from his commentary on Jonah for some extra guidance!) How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond?

“A Jonah lurks in every Christian heart, whimpering his insidious message of smug prejudice, empty traditionalism, and exclusive solidarity. He that has ears to hear, let him hear and allow the saving love of God which has been outpoured in his own heart to remold his thinking and social orientation.”