

Everyone is hopeless so there is hope for everyone

Jonah 3

SERMON POINTS

- Jonah is sent
- The city repents
- The Lord relents

KEY TAKEAWAY → Our hope is not that people can change, but that God can change people!

QUESTIONS:

Q: What is your greatest fear or phobia? What was Jonah's greatest fear?

Q: Jonah is an extreme example, but what keeps you from sharing your faith?

Q: See 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 (below). What does the word reconciliation mean? What does it imply (that there is brokenness between to parties). How is Jesus our reconciliation between us and the Father?

Q: What do ambassadors to foreign countries do? What would it look for us to be amazing ambassadors to people we know?

Q: Has God placed anyone specifically on your heart that you are being called to be intentionally pray for?

ADDITIONAL READING:

Romans 3:10-12...as it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one;[11] no one understands; no one seeks for God.[12] All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one."

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. [18] All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; [19] that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. [20] Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. [21] For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

APPLICATION:

What keeps us from living as ambassadors?

1. We lack faith that God changes people
2. We feel ill prepared
3. Fear over faith

Challenge:

1. **Person:** To whom is God calling you to be an ambassador of God's grace?
2. **Pray:** Commit to praying for that person.
3. **Practice:** Commit to legitimate friendship with that person.
4. **Preach:** Ask good questions about their life. Share the hope within you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Guys' Night

Sunday, Sept 17 at 6p • New Valley

This is a church-wide event for all the men of New Valley that meets monthly in the pursuit of gospel growth and authentic community. We will hear from a speaker, break out into small groups and also have a time of fellowship. We hope to see everyone there!

- Connection Coffee

After each service • Sunday, September 24

If you've been a guest at New Valley during the past few months, we want to welcome you and invite you to take the next step toward learning what New Valley is about. The connection coffee is a brief, 15-minute gathering where we get to know you and give you next steps on how you can get connected.

- Ladies' Christopher Creek Getaway

September 22-23

Ladies, join us up north for a getaway to cooler temps! This will be a time for relaxing, eating, reading, hiking, whatever you desire. We will leave Friday evening and come back Saturday evening. Sign up [here](#) to let us know you're coming and to arrange travel and food.