

## Sermon Text Discussion Notes 01/05/2020

Jonah 3:1-4:11 – “Jonah: Act 2” by Aaron Lewis

### Overview

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This is the second message in two-part series on the book of Jonah. Last week's message dealt with the first act, covering chapters 1-2. Today's message covers the second act and the remainder of the book with chapters 3-4.

The message is outlined as follows:

- I) God's compassion on Ninevah's needs
- II) God's compassion on Jonah's jealousy
- III) God's compassion through the plant's purpose

We are reminded that this book is not about the fish! It's about the character of our God being full of compassion for both sinful, prideful, jealous people like Jonah AND for entire nations of sinful people like Ninevah. And when we see how the Lord responds in this text with incredible mercy and compassion, how can we not respond by going and telling others about his great love?

### Understanding & Application

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- 1) What role does genuine repentance play in stemming the tide of God's judgment?
- 2) How does the Lord use correction in our lives to help others come to Him?
- 3) How does humility factor into our repentance from sin, and how does pride hinder it?
- 4) How did Jonah's attitude toward the Ninevites differ from the Lord's attitude? Why did Jonah respond this way? How might this be a warning to all of us?
- 5) Discuss the parallels that you see between this story and that of the Prodigal Son. What lessons and application can we take from these stories?
- 6) How does the story of Jonah bring you encouragement, and how can you use it to encourage others?
- 7) For application, this week, please: 1.) Think about a brother or sister in Christ that you LOVE, and then tell them how thankful you are for their salvation. 2.) Consider if there is a person toward whom you don't feel love. Ask yourself the same question the Lord asked Jonah, "Do you do well to be angry?". Should the Lord not pity them as well?
- 8) Aaron mentioned that as he prepared for this sermon, he was reminded that the Word of God is alive and active. Even familiar texts can come alive as we study them, through the work of the Holy Spirit. As we enter this new year, have you made plans to begin or continue habits and rhythms in your study of the Bible? Talk with friends or your small group about what they are doing or have done in the past. Also consider reading this article containing helpful ideas and resources from our website: <https://www.zionsvillefellowship.org/2020-bible-reading-plans>