



SERIES: NINEVEH (JONAH 4)
WHEN GOOD NEWS BECOMES BAD NEWS
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Had the story of Jonah ended at..

Chapter 1: A _____ of rebellion and judgment.

Chapter 2: A hopeful story of a _____.

Chapter 3: God's mercy triumphing in a _____!

The Letdown

Jonah didn't have a problem with God's grace, but he did struggle with the _____ of that grace.

Jonah was guilty of:

Looking in the mirror: Are there people in my life where a _____
_____ would make me _____?

Is the gospel of grace an _____ to your sense of justice or is it the
_____ of your hope of salvation?

The Lesson

Our problem and Jonah's are one and the same. Our _____
_____ are mixed up, misdirected and misaligned.

Chapter 4: An invitation to _____ and give thanks for God's
_____ for us... _____.

QUESTIONS FOR SMALL GROUPS & PERSONAL REFLECTION:

- 1) Read through the book of Jonah. As you do make a list of the verses where the following attributes of God are displayed: a) sovereign rule, b) holiness, c) almighty power and d) mercy and grace. How do these various (and seemingly contradictory) attributes of God all work together? How do you see these same combinations of attributes at work in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus? (Since this first question is important and going to take a bit of time I am limiting the number of additional questions this week).
- 2) What were your thoughts / feelings about the story of US Army Chaplain Henry Gereke and the Nuremberg prisoners? Would you have answered the call to minister? Did you like the ending?
- 3) In the message it was stated that the parable of the prodigal son closely parallels the story of Jonah. Read the parables in Matthew 18:21-35 and 20:1-16 and consider how these also parallel Jonah. What are the similarities? What are the heart conditions that the LORD is trying to expose?
- 4) Towards whom do you harbor the anger of Jonah? To what have you assigned too much value? What does repentance look like?