

“The Extent of God’s Gracious Mercy” 11/3/2019

Jonah 3:1-10

"For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope." (Rom 15:4)

"Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come." (1 Cor 10:11)

LESSON 1- The extent of God’s Mercy is demonstrated in its NEWNESS

A. The newness of God’s mercy is given to His PROPHET

"Through the LORD'S mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness " (Lam 3:22-23)

"The will of God will never lead you where the grace of God can't keep you and the power of God can't use you." Warren Wiersbe (see also 2 Cor 3:5)

- 1) God uses the imperfect to do His work- (Abraham, Noah, Elijah, David, Paul, Peter- Acts 10)
- 2) God’s command doesn’t change!
- 3) Revival comes through God’s message, not ours (Gal 6:3; Rom 10:17)

Discipleship Moment *A disciple will embrace His fresh mercy and continue forward!*

LESSON 2- The extent of God’s Mercy is demonstrated in its RICHNESS

A. The richness of God’s mercy is offered to an unbelieving PEOPLE

- 1) The offer of mercy is connected with judgment (John 3:16-19; Luke 13:3)
- 2) There is a time frame (Heb 9:27; Gen 18:20-22; 15:16; 2 Cor 6:2)
- 3) God’s mercy is mitigated by man (Jonah does minimum; James 2:15-16)
- 4) God’s mercy came after repentance (2 Cor 7:10; Isa 58:5-8)
- 5) God’s mercy comes with assurance (John 10:28; 1 John 5:13; contrast Jeremiah 7:16; 11:11-14; 14:11-12)

Discipleship Moment *A disciple will receive and exhibit God’s mercy to others!*

"But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us" (Eph 2:4)

Our Vision- *Striving to be Disciples who make Disciples*