

“The Contrasting Distribution of God’s Gracious Mercy” 11/20/19

Jonah 4:1-11

“But our God is in heaven; He does whatever He pleases.” (Psalm 115:3)

“For He says to Moses, “I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion.” (Romans 9:15)

LESSON 1- The contrasting distribution of God’s mercy is REJECTED

- A. The rejection of God’s choices was rooted in ANGER
(Psalm 103:19; 135:6; Daniel 4:35; Isaiah 55:7-9; Eph 4:26-27)
- B. The rejection of God’s choices was rooted in SELF-JUSTIFICATION
(He accused God of being God! Exodus 34:6-7)
- C. The rejection of God’s choices was rooted in MANIPULATION
(“Fine... I want to die.” Compare 2:3 where he asked for life!)

What power struggles are you currently engaging God in? Are you resisting loving/sacrificing for your spouse? Do you believe that you can punish God somehow for Him not giving you what you think you need? Obeying parents? Responding to the call to serve? Modifying your music habits? TV habits? Language? How you dress? Staying pure? Or showing grace/mercy to someone you need to forgive?

Discipleship Moment *A disciple will honestly evaluate how they receive and give the mercy of God to others!*

LESSON 2- The contrasting distribution of God’s mercy is ILLUSTRATED

- A. The illustration of God’s mercy demonstrates Jonah’s HYPOCRISY
- B. The illustration of God’s mercy demonstrates Jonah’s STUBBORNNESS
- C. The illustration of God’s mercy demonstrates Jonah’s DEFEAT

Discipleship Moment *A disciple will be like God and live out humbly the mercy of God!*
(Ephesians 4:32; Luke 11:4; Matthew 20:1-16)

How many people have you shared the gospel with or initiated a spiritual conversation with in the last month? If not, why? If God can use Jonah for the biggest revival in the OT then God can use you!

Our Vision- Striving to be Disciples who make Disciples