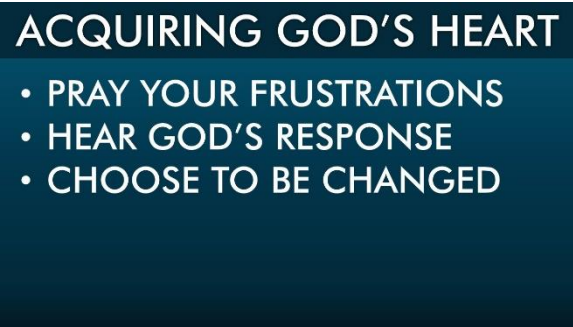
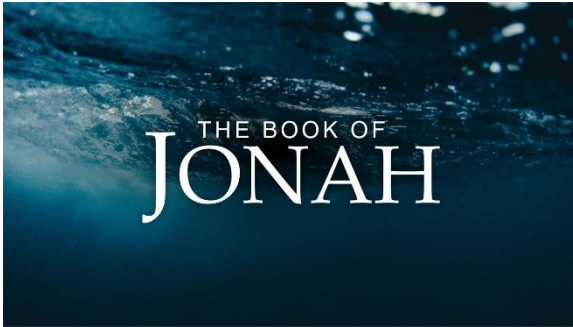


Jonah Part 6 – Acquiring God’s Heart

May 16, 2021 Discussion Notes

Everyone is encouraged to bring a Bible

(Phone apps are good for reading together in the same translation. Study Bibles give help with interpretation.)



Questions:

1. What types of people in the world do you have a difficult time loving?
2. Review: The sermon looked at the fourth chapter of the book of Jonah (where Jonah is upset with God for not destroying Nineveh). What stood out to you about the idea of “acquiring God’s heart”? What do you remember about each of the main points (seen above)? Do you have any questions to bring up?
3. How did Jesus treat notorious sinners during his earthly ministry? Share with each other some examples that come to mind. How do these examples reveal God’s heart for people?
4. Read Luke 18:9-14.
 - a) According to Jesus, what will happen to those who exalt themselves?
 - b) In what ways does the Pharisee in the parable “exalt himself”?
 - c) Contrast the two men’s prayers. What did their prayers reveal about their hearts?
 - d) What was the end result for each man?
 - e) Do you see parallels between this parable and the story of Jonah and the Ninevites? If so, what are they?
 - f) Secular society tends to view the Christian church more as the Pharisee than the tax collector. Why do you think this is? Is there anything we do to contribute to this image?
5. Read 1 Corinthians 5:9-13
 - a) Who did Paul tell the Corinthian Christians to avoid?
 - b) What clarification does he add?
 - c) According to Paul, who are Christians supposed to judge. And who are they supposed to not judge?
 - d) In what ways can the Christian Church get this wrong?
6. Pray that each of you would acquire God’s heart of compassion for the people of this world. And pray for any specific needs in your group.