

BECAUSE OF HIS LOVE

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Big Idea: Jonah pushes us to wrestle with the condition of our heart and our view of God's mercy and DELIVERENCE for us and for others.

Ch. 1 - Jonah resists God's Call with a Rebellious Heart.

When we resist God's call it should cause us to ask what going on in our heart?

- Jonah's REBELLION reveals an indifference for the WELLBEING of others.
- Temptation to pursue COMFORT over COMMISSION.

Ch. 2 - Jonah Recognizes His Need for God's Grace.

Ch. 3 Jonah Responds in Obedience.

- Faithfulness opens up the possibility for the MIRACULOUS.
- No one is beyond God's GRACE.

Ch. 4 Jonah's response reveals the condition of his heart.

Key Questions: Can I minister to my enemy, to the Other, to those I think are unworthy of God's mercy and compassion or only those I deem as worthy?

Observations from Jonah 4:

- What is true of God's character is true for all PEOPLE. God's grace and redemption is OFFERED to all.
- Who in my life have I deemed unworthy or incapable of God's grace and so have written them off?
- Beware of falling into the line of thinking that God's grace is only for those who DESERVE it.
- Accept that we are not called to carry out our VERSION of God's justice.
- We must not let our hatred of others override COMPASSION and a call to God's grace and mercy.

Reflection:

- Where am I pursuing comfort over living out my COMMISSION?
- Who in my life have I deemed unworthy of God's grace?
- What is the aim and MISSION of your life?
- Am I living my life each day with a deep concern for the flourishing and wellbeing of people?
- Who is God calling me to MINISTER to?

THE BIG 3

THREE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

GRACEPOINT PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR

GracePoint Preschool is seeking to hire a energetic, fun & organized director to lead our preschool, families & staff. The director position is a part-time 20-25 hours/week. GracePoint members/regular attenders who meet the director qualifications are strongly encouraged to apply. For job requirements, minimum qualifications & to apply online, please visit gpw.church/preschooldirector

NIGHT TO SHINE

On February 8, GracePoint is honored to, once again, host Night to Shine sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation. Night to Shine is an unforgettable prom night experience, celebrating people with special needs (ages 14+) from 7-9 PM. Guest registration is now open! Email communitylife@gracepointwesleyan.org for details.

IF:GATHERING CONFERENCE

IF:Gathering exists to disciple the next generation of women to live out God's calling on their lives. The first step to this is gathering all generations of women together. The 2019 IF:Gathering Conference will be live streamed at GracePoint on Friday, February 8 from 6-9 p.m. & Saturday, February 9 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (lunch from 12- 2 p.m.). Registration is \$20; covers refreshments, gift bag & childcare on Saturday. Register now at <https://gracepoint.iflocal.com>. Will you join us for life-on-life discipleship and discover how God can use us?



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