

Prayer targets for the week.

MONDAY - Brian and Jolyn Hermiller in Africa.

Pray that God will give them favor in their business. Pray that God will grant them many new relationships. Pray that they are encouraged under the burden of living in such a different culture. Pray for health and that their children will find new friends.

TUESDAY - Men's Jail Ministry at CCNO

Pray for Roger Weis and Randy Greear as they meet with the inmates. Pray that the Holy Spirit would be very present and that many salvations will take place. Pray that hearts of stone will be turned to hearts of flesh. Pray for more workers.

WEDNESDAY - Alejandro and Carmen De Fransisco.

They are church planters in Florida with the Church of God and are seeking support so that they can move to Spain and plant a church in Madrid. They are hoping to plant multiple churches in the next 20 years. Pray for open doors and finances. Pray that God will give them the right place to begin. Spain is less than 1% Christian.

THURSDAY - Jacob Kakish and the Arabic Church in Troy, MI.

The church is ministering in the largest Arab area in the United States. They are handing out Bibles and they are part of a radio program that reaches to other Arabic Speaking countries as well. Pray that God will multiply their efforts and that many Muslims will come to Jesus.

FRIDAY - Scott and Amy (Wiederwohl) Tipton in Africa

Pray for their family and their new little baby girl. Pray that God will bring many new recording opportunities for their music studio. Pray that Scott and Amy will gain new relationships and pray for the Believers in that area, that they will not grow discouraged.

SATURDAY - Mission Possible and the mission team traveling in February. Pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to work in and through the team and that many will be touched by God's love.

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Mission Possible

Pastor Herve Pierre



Message Notes

Ice Breaker: Share about a traveling experience that turned sour but you can laugh about it today.

Read Jonah 1:1-16

Hear God's Call To Be Involved (vv. 1-3)

Jonah is a graphic example of a terrible missionary. He had so little concern for lost people that he wished God would destroy them! However, God had a purpose for Jonah in spite of his attitude.

Who are all the people involved in this passage? What is happening in this story? How are those people like people in our world today? What would you have done in this situation . . . how are you and Jonah alike - and different?

What are some responses Christians give for not responding to God's command to share His Gospel with the world in which they live?

Read John 15:16 and 2 Corinthians 4:7, 13-15

God chose Jonah. (He chose Moses, a poor speaker. The Apostles, Peter and Paul - far from perfect people.) What would the Spirit want us to hear from these verses? What does it mean to you to know that you are a clay jar full of the treasure of God?

Realize God Is Persistent In Calling (vv. 4-10)

Jonah's call was more specific than most. He was "called" by God to go to a different people group from his own (a cross-cultural missionary). However with our specific spiritual maturity in mind, God persists in calling us to be involved with His world-wide missions plan.

Discuss the multifaceted ways God pursues Jonah (physically, emotionally, spiritually). How could Jonah sleep at a time like this . . . do you think he was really at peace with God?

What does God's pursuit of Jonah reveal about:

A) The justice and mercy of God?

B) Human fear and faith?

Can we really "run away from the Lord"? (Psalm 139:7-12) Why do we sometimes try? What do we think something like that might accomplish. What do you think Jonah hoped to accomplish by running?

God Reveals . . . We Respond - Accept Responsibility (vv. 11-16)

In this "to be continued" chronicle of Jonah, how is admission of guilt a first step in coming into line with God's purpose of redeeming a lost world to Himself? How is this like what we read in Philippians 2:13? Discuss how agreement with God is important in discovering God's plan for our lives.

What does God do in the lives of the sailors when Jonah finally, yet reluctantly, shares his faith (v. 9) and they throw him overboard? (Notice that their plan was foiled, v. 13) Discuss what that reveals about the character of God.

Wrap up: Ponder and discuss: "Our disobedience jeopardizes the world.