

When We Don't See, God Can
Jonah 4
April 10, 2022

I. Man's Heart vs God's Heart

- A. Without God's heart, the works that please God will displease us.
- B. Without God's heart, the plans God makes will disrupt us.
- C. Without God's heart, the people God loves will disgust us.
- D. 4 ways to lose God's heart while doing His work:
 - 1. Loving tasks more than people
 - 2. Loving results more than faithfulness
 - 3. Loving feelings more than truth
 - 4. Loving hunting more than shepherding

Group Discussion Questions

1. Read Jonah 4.
2. Has something that pleases God ever displeased you, as it did Jonah in verse 1? Why? What did you have to fix in your heart in order to change that?
3. Have God's plans ever contradicted yours, as they did Jonah's in verse 5? How did you react? Why?
4. Have you ever been disgusted with someone or something God cared about, as Jonah was in verses 10-11?
5. What does God's heart for the people of Nineveh in verse 11 say about the character of God? How does that truth speak to you personally?
6. Pray for our church, that our heart would be God's heart.

Church Bible Reading Plan

Bible Reading Plan: 2 Timothy 1-2

April Memory Verses: 1 Timothy 1:15-17

Matthew 5:43-48 (ESV)

⁴³ “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. ⁴⁶ For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸ You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

BEFORE Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:

You will need to reregister before the next Prayer Meeting on 4/24/2022. The new registration link will be added soon. Register from the www.apollobaptist.org home page by clicking the image for the Prayer Meeting. Register with your name and email address. Click on the emailed Zoom link at the time of the Prayer Meeting.

Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:

- REPLACED this week by Pastor Gary's ***A Night with the Americas*** Zoom event. Register at www.apollobaptist.org.

Pray for Our Church Family Needs:

- PRAY for missions and missionaries:
Andy & Lindsay M. in Spain, Steve & Joy V. in Turkey, Comfort J. in Nigeria, Luke P. in Maricopa, Arizona, Nathan & Becky F. in Indonesia, Sylvia M. at ASU West, Arizona, Doug & Cheryl D. in Thailand, and Jules S. in Thailand
- PRAY for all our students: elementary, middle school, high school, and college. No matter whether they are in the classroom, an on-line setting, or a home school setting our students are forming minds that need to focus on Christ.
- Family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus
- Families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones:
Trevon T. (grandmother), Walter W. (brother), Gretchen E. (father), Rick V.S. (brother), Terry H. (brother), Matthew M. (uncle), Family of Genny M., Beverly T. (husband, Al), and LeRoy H. (wife, Kay)
- Those struggling with on-going health and other issues:
Michelle L. (health issues), Mary R. (awaiting kidney transplant), Debbie B. (awaiting medical tests), Leon V. (chemo), Ann C.-W. (health issues), Marie B's husband (gaining strength), Debbie P. (healing & improved health), Twila D. (stroke) Wayne D. (declining health), and Rebekah R.'s father, Keith B. (in hospital recovering from open-heart surgery)
- Others that you are aware of