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Why Do We Witness?: Jonah 4:1-11

October 8, 11-12, 2014: Matt Proctor, President of Ozark Christian College

It's amazing what you miss when you keep your eyes closed. Have you ever failed to see people the way that God sees them? It happened to Jonah.

The chapters in Jonah's story could be entitled:

1. Jonah runs from God.
2. Jonah runs into God.
3. Jonah runs behind God.
4. Jonah runs with God?

1. Jonah Needed to See Outsiders Differently.

- The Israelites hated the Ninevites. "You can safely assume you've created God in your own image when it turns out that God hates all the same people you do." (Anne Lamott) To be honest, the Ninevites were pretty bad dudes...

Exodus 34:6; John 3:16; Numbers 14:18; Nehemiah 9:17; Psalm 86:15; 103:8; 145:8; Joel 2:13; Nahum 1:3

- If we see people like God does, we will have a heart for the mission field. "If you don't give to missions, you won't go to hell. But someone else might." (Wayne Smith) But you also have a heart for YOUR mission field.

2. Jonah Needed to See Himself Differently.

- Someone said ingratitude comes from "counting someone else's blessings instead of your own." Jonah was angry at the Ninevites' salvation because he truly wasn't grateful for his own salvation.
- This missionary assignment isn't about the hardness of the Ninevites' hearts. It's about the hardness of Jonah's heart. The irony is that God is having a harder time saving Jonah than He did saving Ninevah. "I really only love God as much as I love the person I love the least." (Dorothy Day)
- You won't extend grace widely if you don't experience grace deeply. Only when you realize that you are a great sinner will you proclaim a great Savior.

Five for the Drive

A family conversation starter for the ride home

1. Jonah didn't care for the people of Nineveh. Who do you struggle with being willing to reach?
 2. What do you think was Jonah's biggest problem? Prejudice? Burnout? Anger? Pride? Jealousy? Other?
 3. In what ways are you sometimes more concerned about petty things than about those under God's judgement?
 4. If ingratitude comes from "counting someone else's blessings instead of your own," how can you give thanks to God for showing mercy to you?
 5. What can you do to begin to see people the way God sees them?
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Ministry Opportunities

For more information about these and other events, go to SavannahChristian.com/Events.

Take It Home: Family Devotions

Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 22, 25 – 26

Kidstreet Children's Ministry, 1st Floor, Main Building

Parents of children aged 3-4 are invited to Take It Home, an annual workshop designed to help families learn and develop faith skills. This year we will focus on establishing the habit of family devotions. Take It Home will take place during every Kidstreet Trikes class next week. Come with your child and learn these valuable skills that will enrich your family's faith.

Point University Dual Credit Enrollment Open House

10 a.m. – noon, Saturday, Nov. 1, and 1 – 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2

Adult Ministry Center across the street

Point University here at our Henderson Campus offers a program that enables high school students to earn credits towards a college degree while still in high school. This is a great way of getting a head start on your college career while enjoying the support of your family and familiar surroundings. Come to this event to find out how you could receive free college credit through this program.

Men's Recharge Retreat

6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7 – noon, Sunday, Nov. 9

W. W. Mann Center, Statesboro

Men, join us for our annual retreat weekend, a time to be recharged in your walk with Christ. We'll worship, pray and study the Bible together, focusing on encouraging each other in our faith and becoming the leaders and men of integrity that God called us to be. This is a great opportunity to get to know and deepen friendships with other men. Purchase your \$75 ticket from The Source bookstore by Sunday, Oct. 26.

2014 Year-To-Date Giving and Attendance Through September

Average Weekly Attendance: 8,331

General Giving: \$10,609,595 **Faith Promise (Global Outreach):** \$816,299

The ONE Campaign Pledged: \$11,457,038 **The ONE Campaign Received:** \$3,625,230 (32%)

Online and Connection Kiosk Giving (32% of total giving): \$4,760,452

Transfers and Baptisms: 969