

Jonah, Jesus and Jihad: Part 4

Humility: Jonah 4, Luke 6:37-42

The message of this chapter is: **God is concerned as much for our enemies as we are for ourselves. He wants us to join him on the mission of letting them know.**

Jonah 4

The object lesson is meant to widen our perspective and see that God's is concerned for all people. What right do we have to expect that God have favour on us and not others?

One of the clearest indications of where we are at on this is our:

How can we do better? Luke 6:37-42:

When it comes to judgment:

We do:

We don't:

The plank eye process will:

1. Require introspection
2. Recalibrate our hearts to humility
3. Alter our demeanor and approach

Are we concerned with protecting our way of life or participating in God's mission?

Life Group Questions

This week, before you go to your Life Group:

Review Sunday's teaching. Write down all of your observations, questions and comments. Read and study the following passages: Jonah 4 and Luke 6:37-42.

Life Group Discussion Questions:

Read Jonah 4 together. What is his description of God's character? Why would he be angry that this is what God is like? What is God trying to teach Jonah through the object lesson with the plant (verses 5-11)? Do you ever find yourself upset that 'evil' people don't seem to 'get what they deserve'? Share examples.

Jesus give us a process to go through when we are prone to judge others. Read Luke 6:37-42. What does he say about judging others and the relationship our attitude has towards our own judgment? If you were designing the standard by which you will be judged, what would you want it to be? Based on that, how should you measure or judge others? What kind of person do you find yourself judging?

Describe, in practical terms, the process outlined in verses 41-42. If Jonah stopped and learned this principle, how do you think his story would have ended differently?

How would going through this process change your attitude towards God? Yourself? Someone with a 'speck in their eye'? How would your approach to the sin of other people change as a result? How does this change your view of groups like ISIS? Are there others in your life whom you tend condemn or judge? How can you apply this principle to that situation?

It can be easy to see the sin of others, especially our enemies'. Is there something in your life that you need to remove (confess and repent of)? As you pray together, confess your own sin, and commit to humbly helping others discover God's grace.