

God's Amazing Compassion pt. 1

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Passage: Jonah 4:1-4

Main Point: We should joyfully share the Gospel despite our fears.

Case Study:

In the 1950's, 5 men were killed in Ecuador who were attempting to evangelize to a tribe, that lived in the jungle, who had never heard the Gospel. The families of these men went on to fulfill their mission by carrying the message of Jesus to the tribes who murdered their husbands and fathers. The tribe repented of their sins and received Jesus as their Lord. Why did these families commit to sharing the Gospel? What fears and hesitations might they have had? What does this story say of God's compassion toward mankind?

The Word:

1. What is Jonah upset about?
2. What do verses 1-4 teach us about God?
3. Read Romans 5:6-11. How were Jonah's and Jesus' ministries similar? How were they different?

The World:

1. What did Nineveh deserve?
2. What did Jonah deserve?
3. What does God ask of us? What resources does He provide to help us along the way? (Leaders Note: See Acts 1:8, 2 Timothy 3:15, John 13:34-35, 17; Matthew 9:35-10:42. Assure people that the Holy Spirit, the Church, and the Bible are resources that God provides to help us with *evangelism*. If you can recall any other resources, feel free to share those as well.)

The Application:

1. How does God's compassion in the book of Jonah apply to your life?
2. What Gospel risks have you taken this week?
3. Share your testimonies and explain how God has shown His colossal compassion to you. (Leaders Note: Consider asking your group who would like to share their testimony this week. One per week is recommended.)

<u>What Questions do I have for my Family Group?</u>	<u>Key Cross References:</u>
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How to use this guide:

- **Study and discuss the passage**, not necessarily the outline of the sermon
- Don't feel pressure to ask all the questions, use your discernment based on time and needs of the group
- Engage the mind with good doctrine and move to the heart pushing toward application (A Key diagnostic for the leader to discern the health of his group is to listen "heart" conversation.)