The Lord is Compassionate

Scripture: Jonah 4:1-11

Series / Title: Mercy and Justice: A Study in the Book of Jonah

Sunday, June 28, 2015

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Overview

The people of God are to show the heart of God by expressing the compassion of God; but what happens when God doesn't respond like we think He should or how we want Him to?

Corroborating Texts:

Exodus 34, Numbers 13:18, Luke 15, Psalm 86, Psalm 67:1-2

Discussion Questions

- 1. What was the main point of this sermon? [we are not to make God in our image, we called to reflect His] Why is this such an important concept for us to grasp?
- 2. What are ways you typically try to fit God into your image of Him instead of reflecting Him to the world around you?
- 3. In what ways to do try to use your knowledge about God as an excuse *not* to show the compassion of God?
- 4. Jim made the statement: "God is never satisfied with compliance absent from conviction." Discuss the implications for your daily life.
- 5. What was Jonah's problem? [God, in His mercy, was treating "outsiders" like "insiders"] How do we do the same thing?
- 6. In what ways do you try to "hoard" God's mercy?
- 7. How can we avoid the ending up where Jonah ended up? [By letting go of anger, pain, and bitterness. By letting God be God through trust and faith]