

SERMON NOTES

Date

Use this sheet to help you think through the sermon today.

Preacher/Speaker		
Scripture Passage	 	
Additional Verses		

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What is the main idea of this sermon?	What key words/thoughts are important?			
What did we learn about God from this passage?				
What does God want me to do or believe in response to this passage?				
What was my favorite song lyric today?	What is something I didn't understand?			

Day One—Sermon Application

The title of this new series is 'Reluctant Faith Relentless Grace.' Jonah was reluctant to obey God's will to go to Nineveh. What are some things in your life that you know are God's will for you but you're reluctant to obey Him or step out in faith? What is keeping you from wholly trusting in the Lord's plan for your life?

Tarshish represented a way of escape for Jonah. He thought he could escape the presence and the power of God. Are there things in your life that you turn to when you turn away from God? Will you confess these things to God today? (1 John 1:9)

Day Two—Worship Preparation

Next Sunday, we'll be singing a song we've been learning for the past couple of months called *All I Have Is Christ*. Spend some time praying through these lyrics.

I once was lost in darkest night But as I ran my hell-bound race Yet thought I knew the way Indifferent to the cost The sin that promised joy and life You looked upon my helpless state Had led me to the grave And led me to the cross I had no hope that You would own And I beheld God's love displayed A rebel to Your will You suffered in my place And if You had not loved me first You bore the wrath reserved for me I would refuse You still Now all I know is grace

> Hallelujah! All I have is Christ. Hallelujah! Jesus is my life.

Day Three—Sermon Anticipation

Spend some time this week reading Jonah 1:4-16.

There are three things that I encourage you to notice from this passage:

- 1. When the storm comes, Jonah identifies himself as a Hebrew and a worshiper of the God who made the sea and dry land. His shipmates were most likely followers of Baal—the god of the sky. By starting with their own belief system, Jonah is evangelizing these sailors by clarifying that his God is the God of the sky and sea. Is it important to use different strategies to evangelize different people?
- 2. We notice that Jonah shows compassion for these sailors. He would rather be thrown overboard than to see them die. Did he have that much compassion for the people of Nineveh? Why not?
- 3. Finally, in verse 16 we see that even in Jonah's disobedience God uses him to show these sailors the power of his God. Which is better... to share our faith willingly with the lost? Or God demonstrating His power while disciplining us?