



SERMON NOTES

Date

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

Preacher/Speaker

Scripture Passage

Additional Verses



Did you miss part of the "Jonah: Reluctant Faith/Relentless Grace" Series?

Go to: <http://www.templerogers.org/sermon-series/jonah-reluctant-faith-relentless-grace/>

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

As we reflect upon the three segments of the proposed mission statement, evaluate how well we are accomplishing these things as a church, and also how well we embody these principles in our personal lives. Answer these questions:

1. **Are we consistently connecting unbelieving people to God through a personal relationship with Him? What is my role in that process?**
2. **Are there issues of conflict or contention between members of this church body that may be obstructing unity in the church? How am I helping or hurting this situation?**
3. **Are we adequately training people in how to serve God through His church? Have I been trained to be on mission with Him? Should I be training others in this process?**

This mission statement is 'aspirational'—meaning that we hope to be able to fulfill it completely. **What changes do you need to make to help accomplish these goals?**

Day Two—Worship Preparation

Have you ever just sat down on a bench at the park or a chair in the mall and watched people. Have you ever thought about their brokenness. Their need for reconciliation. Their longing to hear a voice of hope. We all are broken but our God is the answer. He is enough. Prepare your heart to sing this song together next week.

I come broken to be mended
I come wounded to be healed
I come desperate to be rescued
I come empty to be filled

I come guilty to be pardoned
By the blood of Christ the Lamb
And I'm welcomed with open arms
Praise God, just as I am.

Day Three—Sermon Anticipation

Spend some time today in 2 Corinthians 5:11-21.

The bottom line of this chapter is reconciliation. We have been entrusted with the ministry of reconciliation. It is our responsibility to tell sinners that they can be reconciled to God. That's what we do. "That's the only reason we're really here on Earth. Everything else we could do better in Heaven. We could have purer fellowship there, purer worship there, purer lives there, purer everything there. The only reason we're here is because we have this ministry of reconciliation."

In thinking about 2 Corinthians and the idea of being reconciled to God, I become overwhelmed with this idea that God is our Savior and He pursues us. We see in Genesis chapter 3:8-9 that God asks Adam 'where are you?' And the rest of the Bible is all about this same God looking for sinners in order to reconcile them to Himself. I want to give you a big challenge this week. **I want you to take some time in the Word and see if you can find some passages where God pursues mankind.** Here are a few examples to get you started: Ezekiel 34, the story of Zachariah, Luke 15 or the story of the prodigal son. God make us worthy ambassadors.