

VALUE JUDGMENT

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 | Mark 1:14-20

What Jonah doesn't _____

Giving the _____

What does this tell us about _____?

The _____

God is _____

READ. REFLECT. RESPOND. REMEMBER.

How do you make sense of the world you live in? None of us has a “God’s eye” view of it. We have all of these biases, preconceptions, misconceptions and opinions. Your way of viewing the world was shaped by many things – family, work, relationships, TV, radio, friends, the internet, and yes, faith. How do you make sense of this world? As I think on Jonah, I think about what he must’ve understood about the world. I think he was at his core very “good” and “evil” in his thinking. Faith has a way of inculcating that in us. More than that, he loved that God was just. And he hated that God was merciful.

Read Luke 15:11:-32

Reflect:

How does the idea of God being both *just* and *merciful* continue to come up? Why is that hard for us?

In this parable, does God seem to be more of one than the other? Why, or why not?

Which one do you rely on for your life – the justice of God or the mercy of God? What are you ignoring?

Respond:

He was dead and is alive again – that could be what God proclaimed to Nineveh. Why wouldn’t Jonah proclaim it too?

Remember:

“When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.” Jonah 3:10