

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE EAST INDIAN DINNER IS THIS SATURDAY, AUGUST 28th, 5:30 at HILLCREST CHURCH

Everyone is invited to join the Hillcrest family for a time of great fellowship, food and mission's awareness. Feel free to invite a friend. In 2019, we raised \$8,333 which was divided between the Great Commission Fund (GCF) and the school in Uganda. A special offering will be taken during the dinner. In last week's vision meeting we talked about establishing a goal of \$10,000! August is mission's awareness month!

WE NEED HELP TO CLEAN UP AFTER THE DINNER

We would deeply appreciate help in cleaning up after the dinner and setting things up for the Sunday service.

JOIN US ONLINE FOR

Tuesday Bible study at 6:30, Wednesday study & Prayer at 6:30.  Click the "online meeting room" link on the home page of the website Hillcrestroseville.com

YOGA OUTREACH – WHEN

Pastor Bruce is a certified Yoga instructor and would like to offer regular classes, but needs to know what the best times would be. If you are interested in attending his classes write on the clip board in the back what your preference would be. Include the day and time.

Welcome

to

Hillcrest Church!

Giving God Our Best! ***2021***

*I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God,
slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who
relents from sending calamity.*

Jonah 4:2

August 22, 2021

Pastor Bruce Guckelberg, PhD

“GOD’S LOVE FOR THE NATIONS”

Jonah

God gave the wicked Assyrians one last chance to get it right by sending the prophet Jonah to the capital city of Nineveh. Amazingly, they believed Johan’s word and repented, which caused God to have compassion on them. Through Jonah’s preaching the greatest revival in world history occurred, but Jonah was not happy with this! What a strange response from an anointed prophet of God. You would think that he would be totally jazzed about this, but he wasn’t! How could this be? Pastor Bruce will explain why.

#1. THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD - DELIVERED JONAH TO NINEVEH

- A. The fish vomited Jonah on dry land
- B. His skin would have been bleached white
- C. The Assyrians worship Dagon – The fish man

#2. THE WORD GOD TO JONAH – REPENT OR DIE, 3:1-10

- A. The Ninevites believed God, vv. 4-5
 - 1. All levels of society repented, v. 5
 - 2. They declared a fast from the greatest to the least, v. 5
 - 3. The King’s repentance, v. 6
 - 4. The King’s decree - repentance is a law, vv. 7
 - 5. The King declared a national fast, v. 7
 - 6. The King decreed national prayer, v. 8
 - 7. The King decreed stop your evil ways & violence, v. 8
 - 8. They had an insight into their sinfulness, v. 8b
 - 9. They had an insight into God’s compassion, v. 9

#3. THE RESPONSE OF GOD – HE HAD COMPASSION ON THEM, v. 10

- A. God honored their repentance – it was genuine
- B. God saw their changed behavior
- C. God always honors genuine repentance
- D. The preaching of Jonah resulted in the greatest revival in world history

#4. THE RESPONSE OF JONAH – DISPLEASED & ANGRY, 4:1-4

- A. Jonah wanted to see the Assyrians punished, v. 2 (cf Luke 6:27-28)
- B. Jonah knew God was so compassionate that He would forgive Israel’s worst enemy, vv. 2-3
- C. Jonah was in the pit of despair, vv. 3, 8
- D. Jonah’s heart was poisoned!

#5. THE LESSON GOD TAUGHT JONAH – ALL PEOPLE NEED GOD, 4:5-11

- A. Jonah was waiting for God to “nuke” the city, v. 5
 - B. God used a vine to serve as a lesson, vv. 6-11
 - C. God wants everybody to repent, (cf 2 Pet 3:9b, Mat 24:14)
 - D. God is sovereign over the nations
 - E. God loves all nations & people groups
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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Discuss the word that God gave to Jonah? (3:1-4)
2. Discuss the repentance of the Ninevites. (3:5-10)
3. What is the difference between Godly sorrow that leads to repentance, and worldly sorrow that leads to death? (2 Cor 7:10)
4. Why was Jonah so upset after the Ninevites repented? 4:1-5
5. What was the problem with Jonah’s heart?
6. Why is it that we don’t have the option of withholding the gospel from people that we don’t like?
7. Jesus said that we are to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. How does that tie into Jonah’s situation?
8. What would a modern-day Jonah look like?
9. Two or three generations after this great revival the Assyrians reverted to their evil ways and God sent the prophet Nahum to preach the end of Nineveh. What happened?
10. What is your takeaway from this teaching?