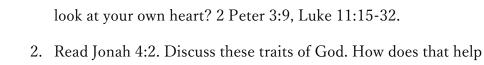
## THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S MERCY

## Jonah 4:1-11

- I. God's mercy is beyond our <u>comprehension</u> and doesn't always follow our <u>agenda</u>.
- II. God demonstrates His character through His mercy.

III. Central Point: God's ultimate <u>demonstration</u> of His mercy is in the cross of <u>Jesus</u>.

- IV. God uses His <u>creation</u> to show His mercy for His purposes.
- V. God desires for <u>us</u> to be <u>merciful</u> to one another.



Kead Johan 4:2. Discuss these traits of God. 116w does that help us understand how He shows mercy to those undeserving. Micah 7:18–20, Ex. 34:5-7, Psalm 136, Eph. 2:1-10, Psalm 103:8-13,145:8, Neh. 9:17, Num. 14:17-19, 2 Chron. 30:9, Micah 7:18, Deut. 5:10.

further up, further in

1. Have you ever been angry when God has demonstrated His mercy to someone you don't think deserved it? How did this make you

- How does the experience of Jonah point us to Jesus? What does He mean: "I desire mercy, and not sacrifice?" Luke 11:29-32, Matt. 9:13, Hos. 6:6.
- 4. Discuss how Jesus is the ultimate demonstration of God's mercy to us. Eph. 2:1-10, Rom. 13:11, Eph. 5:13-14, Jonah 1:6, Eph. 2:1.
- God uses a vine, a worm, and a scorching wind to get Jonah's attention. Describe how these things are merciful and for what purpose is God using them? Lam. 3:22-24
- How are we to be merciful to one another in the church? Matt. 18:32-35.
- 7. How should our mercy be manifested in evangelism for the sake of the gospel? Are evangelism and mercy related? How so?

"I have come home at last! This is my real country! I belong here. This is the land I have been looking for all my life, though I never knew it till now.... Come further up, come further in!" — C.S. Lewis, <u>The Last Battle</u>