

CONNECT WITH THE MESSAGE

Jonah 4: Heart Surgery

1) What is the main thing you have learnt from the series on Jonah so far?

2) Read **Jonah 4v1-11**. Which point that Rich made on Sunday do you think will most affect your life over the next few weeks? How?

3) Read **Matthew 9v35-38**

a) i) How does Jesus feel towards the crowds who struggled in life and didn't know God personally?

What does he identify as their primary problem?

How does Jesus expect this need to be met?

ii) Rich challenged us on Sunday. '**Are you sitting comfortably under a vine while people perish?**'
What can you actually do to respond to this passage?

How similar/dissimilar is your attitude to Jesus?

b) Read **Luke 15v4-7**

Who does the lost sheep in the parable represent?

What is the priority of the sheep's owner?

How should this parable affect our thinking, our attitudes and our actions?

c) Read **Ezekiel 33v11**

What is God's attitude towards people who reject him and do wrong?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read **Romans 8v28-39**

- a) What does it mean that 'all things God works for good' for true believers?
- b) What kind of things does the rest of the passage explicitly indicate?
- c) What does **v29** tell us is God's purpose for us and for all the things he allows in our lives?
- d) What reasons does Paul give in **v29-34** for us to have confidence in God working for good in our lives?
- e) What reasons does he give to support his claim in **v39** that absolutely nothing will be able to separate us from his love?
- f) What do you think it means to be 'more than conquerors' when we face suffering (and even death)?
- g) How should this passage affect our thinking when life is tough?
- h) How does this passage expand your view of God and cause you to worship?

CONNECT IN PRAYER

The **Alpha Course** has been postponed by a week to start on **Thursday 3 October at 7:15pm**.

We had 16 guests at the Prezzo meal which was great. Please pray for a good turn out this week and if you know anyone else interested there is still time to book in. Please let Jeff know.

Pray for suffering **Christians around the world** that they would have a sense of God's presence with them and stay faithful to Jesus. Pray especially for **Christians in Pakistan** in the light of the church bombing last week where 85 died and more than 200 were wounded.

CONNECT WITH CHURCH LIFE

The **Quiz Night** is on **Saturday 12th October @ 7.30pm**. Tickets are **£8 including fish and chips**. See Jamie for more information.

The next **Parenting Course** starts on **Wednesday 6th November, 7.45pm**. For more information and to book a place please speak to Al.