

God of this City – Final Week

Even with a Bad Attitude...

God is Ready and Willing to Use You – Jonah 3:1-10

Main Idea: People rarely feel ready to be used by God in ministry. But some of us don't want to be used. In Jonah 3:1-10 we discover that God was ready and willing to use Jonah even with a bad attitude.

- 1. Jonah is an imperfect believer struggling to grow. *Jonah 3:1-4a***
 - A. His positive qualities.
 - B. His negative qualities: he was prone to discouragement.
 - C. Jonah is a lot like us....

- 2. Jonah gets the message partly right and partly wrong. *Jonah 3:4b***
 - A. Where Jonah got it right.
 - B. Where Jonah got it wrong.

- 3. God empowers Jonah's words so that people respond. He will empower our words as well. *Jonah 3:5-9***
 - A. The Ninevites receive the message as from God. 3:5a
 - B. The Ninevites repent from their evil ways. 3:5b-9
 - C. The Ninevites rely upon God's grace and compassion. 3:9
 - D. When God's Spirit is at work he can do more than we can possibly imagine.

- 4. God acts with mercy for Christ's sake. God's mercy inspires our mercy. *Jonah 3:10; James 2:14-16***
 - A. God can "change his mind" because of the cross.
 - B. God acts in mercy.
 - C. God's mercy should inspire us to act in mercy toward hurting people.