

Message Series:

**God, You Want Me to Do What?
A Study on the Minor Prophets
Jonah, Hosea, Micah, and Haggai
Stepping Up and Going Out for God
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Today's Message:

***Taking a Long Hard Look at What Matters to God*
Jonah 4:1-11**

Jonah 4:11

“Should I not have compassion on Nineveh, the great city in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know the difference between their right and left hand, as well as many animals?”

Today's Main Thought: Jonah's displeasure with God's compassion toward Nineveh.

What matters to Jonah...

Anger, bitterness, death and prayer for the demise of Nineveh,
vv. 1-3; compare 4:2 to 2:2; Hebrews 12:14-17

Jonah's Value System

- Bitterness, resentment and hatred for the Ninevites, Genesis 4:3-8; Genesis chapter 37; Leviticus 19:17; Proverbs 26:24-26; Galatians 5:15; 1 John 3:11-20
- Selfishness & personal comfort, vv. 2-3; 6
- Care for the temporal rather than people living in spiritual darkness, v. 5

Ask Yourself... *What do my attitudes towards others especially my Nineveh(s) reveal about my values?*

Have I allowed myself to become “twisted” in my values for the Nineveh(s) in my life?

What Matters to God...

Compassion, forgiveness and grace for the Ninevehs in our lives,
vv. 5-11; Exodus 34: 6-7; Numbers 14:18; Nahum 1:3

God's Value System

- Patience with rebellious people, v. 4; Jeremiah 18:1-8
- Teaching angry, and bitter people about His love, vv. 5-11; James 1:19-20; 1 Peter 4:8
- Concern for humanity and their spiritual sensitivity toward Him, 2 Chronicles 30:9; Joel 2:13

After taking a long hard look at what matters to God

Ask Yourself... *Why am I still so angry at God for working in a manner consistent with His Character? 1) Prejudice 2) Pouting 3)Pride 4)Jealousy 5) Depression 6) Life in General*

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Hosea, book overview & chapter 1