

JONAH'S LESSON

As preached on Sunday, April 6th

Read: Jonah 4:5-11

1. In Jonah 4:4, God asks Jonah a question: “Is it right for you to be angry?” How does Jonah respond? Are you surprised at his response?
2. Why does Jonah build a shelter and stick around?
3. What three things does God provide for Jonah there? What is their significance?
4. We’re meant to see a contrast between God’s and Jonah’s concerns in vv.9-11. What is that contrast? What can we learn from it?
5. Take a moment to read through the Parable of the Gracious Landowner in Matthew 20:1-16. How does it make you feel? Does it seem fair? How is it similar to Jonah’s lesson?
6. The Book of Jonah ends in a dissonant way, almost as if the ending is missing. In what way is that significant?
7. How can we choose to “finish” the Book of Jonah and join God in celebrating the inexplicable wonder of his grace and mercy at work in this world?