

DOING WHAT WE WERE MADE FOR
PSALM 96

I. What Were We Made For?

- *Genesis 1:26,27;*

We believe that our first priority is to love and worship God the Creator who made himself known in Jesus Christ, and who sent the Holy Spirit to reveal Jesus Christ to the world.

As individuals, we want to love the Lord with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. As a church our first purpose for gathering is to reflect on who God is, what he has done, and what he is doing in the world, and to respond in adoration, thanks, confession and reverent obedience. We invite spiritual seekers to gather with us, to ‘taste and see that the Lord is good.’

II. What Went Wrong?

- *Genesis 3; Romans 1:18-25*

III. How Do We Get Back on Track?

- *Genesis 12:1-3; Exodus 9:15,16; Psalms 96:1-3; I Kings 8:41-43; II Kings 19:19; Isaiah 40:4,5; Jeremiah 33:8,9; Ezekiel 38:23; Habakkuk 2:14; Malachi 1:11; Daniel 7:14; Isaiah 54:2,3*

“Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God.” (William Carey)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS
DECEMBER 1-5

Follow-throughs

Monday **Jonah 1**

What are some reasons that Jonah might have run away from the call of God? What are some reasons that you have been reluctant to share the message of Jesus with those around you?

Tuesday **Jonah 2**

What did Jonah experience that made him change his perspective? How did his attitudes in chapter 2 contrast with his attitudes in chapter 1?

Wednesday **Jonah 3**

How did the people of Nineveh respond? How might this have been a surprise to Jonah? Can you think of a time when you have been surprised in a positive way about someone’s response to the gospel? Ask the Lord to increase your faith and your hope about the ways that he is preparing the hearts of those around you.

Thursday **Jonah 4**

Why was Jonah upset? How was his heart toward the Ninevites different from God’s? Ask the Lord to give you his compassion for those around you who do not know Jesus.

Friday **Acts 16:1-40**

What are some of the surprising ways that God worked in the experience of the apostle Paul in this chapter, in bringing people to know Jesus. Ask the Lord to make you alert today to some of the unexpected ways God may be at work. Pray for the women’s Christmas brunch tomorrow, that there would be many wonderful surprises in the ways the Lord draws people to himself.

Warm-ups

Saturday **Matthew 1:18-21**

How did Joseph misunderstand at first the events that came into his life? Can you think of any examples from your own life, when you failed at first to see how God was at work? Is there anything in your life right now that is troubling you, that you need to commit to the Lord?

Sunday **Matthew 1:22-25**

Meditate on that phrase, “God with us.” Pray that the presence of God with us would be powerfully experienced in the worship services today.