

Good News From the God of Compassion

Jonah 3 and 4; Luke 15

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Introduction – Destination: hell

Good News for a City

Jonah 3 and 4

John 3:16; Exodus 34:9; Psalm 86:5,15; Psalm 103:8-13

Good News for Lost Individuals

Luke 15

III. Good News for the Crowds

Mark 6:34; Matthew 9:12,13,35-37

II Peter 1:16; 2:17; 3:7,9

IV. Seeing Our Community as God Does

I John 4:16,19

Daily Bible Readings

March 2— 8

Follow-Throughs

Monday

Exodus 34:1-17

What aspects of His character did God reveal to Moses? What promises did God give to the Israelites? What commandments? What warnings? How can we be in close enough relationship to non-believers in order to influence them, yet not be drawn away from God by them?

Tuesday

Psalm 86:1-17

Personalize this psalm of David by praying each phrase in your own words. Ask the Lord to help you to respond today to the people you encounter, especially non-believers, with forgiveness, compassion, goodness and grace.

Wednesday

Mark 6:30-46

What was Jesus' purpose in going away with his disciples? What happened instead? How did the compassion of Jesus result in blessings for thousands? Ask the Lord for grace today to respond to interruptions and unexpected needs.

Thursday

Matthew 9:1-13, 35-38

Describe the people whom Jesus encountered in these verses? To what areas of human need did Jesus respond? How did the responses of the teachers of the law and the Pharisees differ from those of Jesus? Pray for your town based on verses 36-38.

Friday

II Peter 3:1-14

What is the future that awaits believers in Jesus Christ? What is the future that awaits the ungodly? What should be our priorities in light of these two futures?

Warm-Ups

Saturday

John 11: 1-53

Why do you think Jesus delayed two days before setting out to see Lazarus? Why did Jesus weep when he saw Mary & Martha?

Sunday

John 11: 1-53

What responses does the Lazarus miracle produce? Why? Why was Lazarus's being raised from the dead the final factor to get rid of Jesus?