GRACE NOTES

Series: JONAH
Message: Angry at the Mercy of God
Scripture: Jonah 4
Date: Sunday, September 11, 2016

The story of Jonah is the story of God and His super-sized mercy.

Life Lessons from Jonah 4 --

The Lord is a God of mercy.

Mercy is not earned nor deserved; it is given and received.

Those who have received God's mercy should be the most merciful of all.

STUDY NOTES

Describe a time when someone showed you mercy, i.e., did not give you what you deserved.

Most of us are thrilled to get mercy. Why do you think it is harder for us to show mercy than to receive it?

Thinking back to Sunday's message, what challenged you, encouraged you, or made you think or act differently?

How, if in any way, has your view of the book of Jonah changed over the past few weeks?

What do you think has been the most important life lesson you've gained from this series?

Read **Matthew 9:9-13**.
Who was Matthew? What was his reputation?

Describe the party at Matthew's house. (v. 10)

Describe the attitude of the Pharisees?

Was Jesus saying that the Pharisees didn't need Him? (v. 12)
If not, what was His point?

Put Jesus' comments in verse 13 into your own words.

Read **Matthew 5:7** and **Luke 6:36**.
How does Jesus tie together our being merciful and God being merciful?

Read **Ephesians 2:1-10**.
How do mercy and grace fit together in God's redemptive work?

How does your attitude show or fail to show that you both understand what mercy is and have been shown mercy from God?