



## **Purpose Over Preference**

March 23/24, 2019

### **God invites each of us to be part of his mission of reaching the world for Jesus**

The Lord gave this message to Jonah...“Get up and go to the great city of Nineveh. Announce my judgment against it because I’ve seen how wicked its people are.” *Jonah 1:1-2 (NLT)*

### **We love God’s grace & mercy & forgiveness...but he’s a judge too**

#### **Why do we still think we can run from God?**

Jonah got up and went in the opposite direction to get away from the Lord... hoping to escape from the Lord.... *Jonah 1:3 (NLT)*

### **My disobedience brings storms into the lives of innocent people around me**

The Lord hurled a powerful wind over the sea, causing a violent storm that threatened to break the ship apart. Fearing for their lives, the desperate sailors... *Jonah 1:4-5 (NLT)*

### **Some of us are so hard-hearted that we sleep through OUR storms destroying our loved ones**

All this time Jonah was sound asleep down in the hold. *Jonah 1:6 (NLT)*

### **God is a God of second chances**

The Lord arranged for a great fish to swallow Jonah. *Jonah 1:17 (NLT)*

### **Stop focusing on the discipline, Start focusing on the 2nd Chance**

#### **There’s no such thing as a bad place to cry out to God**

Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from inside the fish. *Jonah 2:1 (NLT)*

### **We need to thank God for our deliverance before we experience our deliverance**

“I will never worship anyone but you. How can I thank you enough for all you’ve done? ...My deliverance comes from the Lord alone.” *Jonah 2:9 (TLB)*

### **My worship during my trouble leads to my deliverance from my trouble**

Then the Lord ordered the fish to spit Jonah out onto the beach. *Jonah 2:10 (NLT)*

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**Easter 2019 at Bethel (April 20-21)**

- 5 identical services - Saturday 5/7pm, Sunday 9/10:30/12
- Help us by attending Saturday so first-time guests can have your seat on Sunday (*Saturday - Chick-fil-A, kids in class get special treats*)
- Goal - give out 10,000 Easter invites (*7 each*)
- Holy Thursday (4/18) - instead of a service, a time for communion & prayer from 7-8pm (*come & go as you want*)
- When you buy Easter candy, buy a bag for Bethel
- Pray daily it's our biggest weekend ever