"Jonah Proclaims" – Sermon Notes – Nov. 19, 2023

Jonah 3 – series: Jonah's Journey

In Jonah 3, God said "Go!" and Jonah said _____.

God sent Jonah to proclaim ______.

Today, instead of church people are choosing S______,

S_____, S_____, and S_____.

According to The Great Dechurching by Davis, Graham, and Burge,

____% of "de-churched" will come back if we simply invite them!

Others will come back but will need Q_____ answered.

Your invitation matters!

The Good News of Jesus can be summarized this way:

- 1. C_____: We were created in the image of God to thrive in His good world. (Genesis 1:28a)
- 2. R_____: Humanity sinned and turned from God. (Romans 5:12)
- 3. S_____: By Jesus' death on the cross, we can be forgiven. (John 3:16)
- 4. R_____: Through the Holy Spirit, we can have new life to thrive in His purpose now and be with Jesus in Heaven. (Romans 8:11)

Sunday Seconds: "Jonah Proclaims" (for small group discussion or personal reflection)

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- 1. Context: Ninevah was a "great" city, it says in v2. Have you ever been impressed by a great city? What makes a city great?
- 2. Have you ever been reluctant to talk with others about God or church? What does this signal inside of us?
- 3. Pastor Eric spoke of "The Great De-churching," how in the last decade more Americans have turned away from Jesus and the Church than at any other time of our history. Have you seen evidence of this?
- 4. Sharing the Good News of Jesus with others is a great thing! We can be nervous about doing anything "great," and that's usually a good thing. We have a promise from God in 1 Peter 5:6-7. How does this help us?
- 5. If God gave you a moment this week when someone you cared about asked, "How can I be saved?"—how would you answer?
- ➔ This week, pray for your witness, that God would give you moments to share about Jesus with others.