

**“AND IT CAME TO PASS”**  
**SERMON NOTES**  
*Various Scriptures*

What is a scandal?

How is God’s mercy seemingly a scandal to Jonah?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **Show Mercy to the World (1:1-3)**

What is the contrast meant to be noticed between vv. 2 & 3?

A bit about Nineveh –

Why might Jonah have disobeyed God’s command?

See Mk 10:45; Lk 19:10; Jn 3:17

What is our mission?

See 2 Cor 5:18-20; 1 Thess 2:4

How do we disobey in fear?

Are we persuaded more by our own comfort than multitudes of lost souls?

2. **Remember the \_\_\_\_\_ Shown You (2:1-10)**

What is mercy?

How did God show Jonah mercy?

How have we been shown mercy? (Rom 3:10, 23; Eph 2:4-5; Rom 5:8; Lam 3:22-23)

Mercy is to be the motivation as we live for the Lord (Rom 12:1)

How will you act on the mercy shown you by God?

### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ a Merciful Spirit (4:2, 11)

Whether it comes naturally, you've been gifted spiritually, or none of these, we are all called to be merciful (Lk 6:36).  
How might you need to change your perspective? (Jonah 4:2, 11)  
See Rom 2:4; 1 Tim 2:4; 2 Pe 3:9

*“To refuse to preach this message [and show compassion] or at the very least support those who are (see Mat 25:14-30) is to act as Jonah did. It is to give little consideration for the eternal destiny [and abundant spiritual, physical, emotional, and mental needs] of those living today when believers have experienced God’s mercy and grace in abundance. As the nation of Israel was to be a beacon to the nations around it (Deut 4:5-8), pointing them to God, so believers are to point people to Christ through word and deed (Mat 5:13-16; Phil 2:14-16).” – Pastor Daniel*

#### **Developing a Merciful Spirit...**

- Pray for the Lord to help you see \_\_\_\_\_ through his eyes.
- Start with \_\_\_\_\_ others.
- \_\_\_\_\_ in the footsteps of Christ more intimately every day.

#### **What Does Mercy Look Like?**

- Preaching the gospel (Eph 2:4-9)
- Caring for widows/ers & orphans (Jas 1:27)
- Attending to people’s needs in practical ways (Mt 25:31-40)
- Cooking a meal for someone (Mt 20:28; 1 Pt 4:9)
- Encouragement via phone, card, text, email, etc. Means we are also attentive to people’s needs. (1 Thess 5:11)
- Not taking up someone else’s offense & then holding it personally against the person (Eph 4:31-32)
- Forgiveness (Col 3:13)
- Prayer (Heb 4:16)

What else can be added to this list?

How have you been shown mercy practically?

What can you do?

**How might you be a first responder of mercy this week?  
Who has God been moving you to reach out to & show his great mercy?  
What will you do & when?**