Sunday (9/1/19) –Sermon on Jonah ch.4. Discuss with friends and family the message from today

(the available group discussion guide can aid with questions/prompts if needed)

- Is there anything specific that God revealed to you (or reminded you of) during today's message?
- Is there any specific response you sense God wants from you? Write that here and pray/respond about that this week!

Monday (9/2/19) –Read Jonah ch.4, go slow…

Remind yourself you are in God's presence and read again; notice how God might be speaking to you through His Word.
Dwell on a word or phrase that jumps out at you; how has God's Word moved you? Ponder and meditate what has connected with your heart or mind; pray to God about what it is that has moved you today.

- "What did you learn from how the concept of anger is written about in this passage?

- Let's look at anger a little more closely. Read the following scriptures and summarize what you learn about anger:
  Galatians 5:19-25; Ephesians 4:26-32; Colossians 3:8; James 1:19-20.

- What lessons can you draw from these verses and from the book of Jonah?"[1]

Tuesday (9/3/19) –Read Jonah ch.4, go slow…

"Read through Jonah 4 again and mark compassion(ate). The Hebrew word for compassionate in Jonah 4:2 is rooted in the idea of the love of a superior, and it can also be translated as "mercy." The Hebrew word translated "compassion" in Jonah 4:10-11 is "to look on with pity and have mercy." These two attitudes produce the same result—mercy—but they are rooted in two different motivations.

Both are used of God, so read the following passages and note what you learn about the compassion of God:

- Deuteronomy 4:31; 2 Chronicles 30:9; Nehemiah 9:17; Psalm 86:15; Joel 2:13.

In the New Testament, the Greek word also reflects the idea of mercy.

- Read Romans 9:15; 12:1; Colossians 3:12; James 5:11.

What place, then, should mercy or compassion have in our lives if we are to reflect God's nature?"[2]

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[1] From Kay Arthur's "Discovering the God of Second Chances"
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Wednesday (9/4/19) –Read Luke 18:9-14 *(go slow, see prompts from Monday)*
Remind yourself you are in God's presence and read again; notice how God might be speaking to you through His Word.
Study this passage and process through the following three questions:
Know (what does the text say about God?) **B**e (what does it say about us?) **D**o (what does it call us to do?)

Thursday (9/5/19) –Read Micah 6:1-8 *(go slow, see prompts from Monday)*
Imagine that you are called to appear in court by God for breaching an agreement. This is what happens to God's people (specifically the southern kingdom of Judah) in Micah ch.6. God presents His case as well as reminds them of His faithfulness, their faithlessness, and then calls them to respond in faith fulness (which is more than mental belief, it's faith in action).

Study this passage and process through the following three questions:
Know (what does the text say about God?) **B**e (what does it say about us?) **D**o (what does it call us to do?)

Friday (9/6/19) –Read Isaiah 6:1-8, go slow *(go slow, see prompts from Monday)*
In the opening 5 chapters of Isaiah the coming judgement (and grace) from God is foreshadowed; this judgement is due to Judah's sin (there's a lot of direct and harsh accusations in these opening chapters of Isaiah, for example, see Isaiah 1:21). Then, in Isaiah ch.6, God directs/allows Isaiah to observe God's own holiness; which gives great perspective on both God and ourselves. From there God commissions Isaiah to GO and engage the people with God's message.

Study this passage and process through the following three questions:
Know (what does the text say about God?) **B**e (what does it say about us?) **D**o (what does it call us to do?)

Saturday (9/7/19) –Read Romans Ch.8 (with special attention on v.35-39) *(go slow, see prompts from Monday)*
Study this passage and process through the following three questions:
Know (what does the text say about God?) **B**e (what does it say about us?) **D**o (what does it call us to do?)

Also, tomorrow's sermon will be on 1st John 1:1-7. Read through it.