

Jonah chapter 4 NIV

1 But Jonah was greatly displeased and became angry.

2 He prayed to the Lord, "O Lord, is this not what I said when I was still at home? This is why I was so quick to flee to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity.

3 Now, O Lord, take away my life,
for it is better for me to die than to live."

4 But the Lord replied, "Have you any right to be angry?"

5 Jonah went out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city.

6 Then the Lord God provided a vine and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about the vine.

7 But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the vine so that it withered.

8 When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah's head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, "It would be better for me to die than to live."

9 But God said to Jonah, "Do you have a right
to be angry about the vine?"

"I do," he said. "I am angry enough to die."

10 But the Lord said, "You have been concerned about this vine,
though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight.

11 But Nineveh has more than a hundred and twenty thousand people
who cannot tell their right hand from their left, and many cattle as well.
Should I not be concerned about that great city?"

Learning the Lessons

Jonah chapter four

Introduction:

1. _____
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
2. _____
 - a. controlled by _____
 - b. characterized by _____
 - c. confused about _____
3. _____
 - a. destroy self-righteousness
 - b. develop compassion for the lost

Application:

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Heart for the Lost Survey

Approximate age (circle) 20 30 40 50 60 70

Number of years at FBC, _____.

Individually (Check appropriate boxes)

1. Yes No
 ☐ ☐ Have you shared the Gospel with anyone in the last:
 ☐ Week
 ☐ Month
 ☐ Year
 ☐ Decade
2. Yes No
 ☐ ☐ Are you ☐daily ☐weekly ☐monthly praying
for those who are without Christ in your
 ☐ Family
 ☐ Neighborhood
 ☐ Friends
 ☐ Fellow employees
 ☐ Class mates
3. Yes No
 ☐ ☐ Do you know from memory your personal testimony?
4. Yes No
 ☐ ☐ Are you ready to share Christ in any situation?
5. Yes No
 ☐ ☐ I feel a great passion to be personally reaching the lost.
6. Yes No
 ☐ ☐ I believe that when I chose not to share the Gospel I am in sin
7. Yes No
 ☐ ☐ I have a strong desire to be a part of a church that has a passion for the lost and I am
willing to do whatever it takes in order to facilitate our church to effectively reach Spokane and
the world.

Corporately

Every church is called to worship, edify, shepherd, and evangelize.
Each of these are programmed into our churches life except for evangelism. We believe that
each member is to be committed to reach the lost, but we also believe the whole church must
put forth great effort
in fulfilling it's mission to reach those without Christ. In light of that. . . who would be willing to:
(check appropriate box on opposite side)

8. Yes No

· · Park in a local parking lot on Sundays and be bussed in with a shuttle running every 5-10 minutes so as to make more room for those without Christ to come.

9. Yes No

· · Commit yourself to four consecutive Friday or Saturday nights to bring lost friends for a special series of seeker services (contemporary services geared to evangelize those with no church background).

10. Yes No

· · Commit yourself to attend a Saturday night worship service every week (similar to our Sunday morning worship) to make room for more people to join our church family on Sunday morning.

11. Yes No

· · I am willing to have our Sunday Evening Service be a another duplicate of our Sunday Morning services in order to allow more people to come to our Church on Sunday, especially seekers.

11. Yes No

· · Would you be willing to have one of our current morning services be solely geared to reach the lost (not being a traditional service, but a more familiar environment to those without Christ to come and hear familiar music, issues, and the Gospel each week. If we were to attempt this, it would have to be at the 11:00 hour).

12. Yes No

· · I feel we should stop doing so many programs so that we can concentrate on reaching the lost.

13. Yes No

· · I am willing to get plugged into a shepherding group where I can be held accountable and strategize and pray to reach the lost weekly.

14. Yes No

· · *I am so committed to reaching the lost that I am willing to change the name of our church (please check option)*

- 1. *Name and heritage mean too much to me to change the name*
- 2. *Our heritage is important but adding an additional name to our church may be helpful to reaching the lost, i.e. Fourth Memorial Spokane Community Church.*
- 3 *I am so committed to reaching the lost that I want our name to change since those without Christ don't understand it at all.*