

Questioning God's Will

Key Passage: Jonah 4

Reflect

- What do you feel God spoke to your heart about today from His Word?
- Why do people question God's will? Have you ever done this in life?
 - Who are examples in the Bible of people who had to trust God in very hard times even though they didn't understand what God was doing?
 - What is a passage in the Bible that has helped you through difficult times in life?

Review

- **Jonah questioned God's will and it caused 2 wrong attitudes towards God: anger and irreverence (v.1-3)**
 - How angry was Jonah in verses 1-3? Why was he so angry?
 - Do you struggle with anger? How does continual anger show a lack of trusting God?
 - Jonah should have been thankful for what he was angry about; what in your life has upset you that you really should be thankful for?
 - **How often can we be thankful according to Ephesians 5:20 — 20; *Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;***
 - How did Jesus say we should come to God in prayer in Matthew 6:9? How did Jonah's prayer show a lack of reverence for God? Has this wrong attitude toward God ever happened to you?
- **3 Reasons We Question the Will of God (v.1-3, 9) Pride, self-centeredness, and forgetfulness**
 - Why is it prideful to question God's will?
 - Has self-centeredness ever caused you to question God's will because it was not what "you" wanted?
 - How many of Jonah's struggles happened because he was fighting God's will?
 - What are struggles you have in life because you have fought against God's will?
 - Many times people pray seeking "their" will and pray that God gets on board with "their" plans. But prayer is not getting our will done, rather it is seeking to conform our will to Gods. How was Jesus a good example of this in Matthew 26:39?
 - How do you view prayer, seeking God's will or yours?
 - Have you ever questioned God's mercy in the lives of others and forgot how merciful God has been to you? How did Jonah do this?
- **God's merciful response to Jonah – v. 4-11**
 - What question does God ask Jonah in verse 4 and 9?
 - How angry was Jonah about the gourd (plant) that shaded had shaded him dying because of the worm?
 - What lesson does God give Jonah in verse 10-11?
 - How does this lesson apply to us? How can we care more for the "gourds" of life than the souls of people?

Apply

- What is one thing from today's message you can apply to your life?
- Who can you reach out to and share the Gospel with or invite to LG's next week? _____

Verses used from Sunday Morning's Sermon: Jonah 4; Romans 11:33; Job 1:21-22, 13:15; John 11:21-22; Isaiah 55:8-9; Proverbs 3:5-6; Psalm 7:11; Ephesians 4:26, 5:20; John 11:41, 17:1; Matthew 6:9; Matthew 26:39; Isaiah 6:1-5; Romans 1:21-25; Luke 9:54-56; 1 Cor. 15:9; Eph. 3:8; 1 Tim. 1:15; Colossians 3:2; Philippians 4:11; 1 Timothy 6:6-8; Matthew 12:41