



A Fish out of Water: Loving People

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Theme: Loving People

Text: The Book of Jonah

Synopsis: Jonah resisted God's three-fold call; he failed not only to understand the nature of sin but also the wideness of God's mercy.

Introduction: Jonah 4 and the problem of forgiveness

I. Jonah was out of touch with his surroundings

A. Jonah's reluctance toward the people of Ninevah

B. Jonah's resistance to God's call to "Arise, go, and cry"

II. Jonah was out of touch with God's message

A. God's mercy can change the most resistant heart

III. Jonah was in touch with his own comfort

A. God sometimes calls us to move into arenas of discomfort