**Pastor Demetric Felton Sr. November 17, 2019**

**You Can Run But You Can’t Hide**

Jonah 1:1-17

**Key Truth:** God’s love and mercy extends to all His creation not just His covenant people.

1. God is the initiator from start to finish.

 A. God calls people into His service.

 B. God calls people to repentance and a relationship

 with Him.

 C. God’s word is just as clear to us as it was to Jonah.

2. God’s character is on display in the Book of Jonah.

3. God desires is for His church is to go across ethnic,

 social, political, and economic barriers to get the gospel

 to the masses.

**Some Powerful Truths To Learn From Jonah:**

1. Just because someone is our enemy doesn’t mean God

 doesn’t love them.

2. As a Disciple your obedience to God is the most

 important thing.

3. When your plans conflict with God’s plans, you must

 yield.

4. Living outside the will of God is dangerous.

5. Our disobedience can affect the lives of others.

6. Even in our rebellion God is still willing to rescue us.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Stop running and surrender to Jesus Christ. Commit to loving others and pray for those who seem the hardest for you to love.

**Food For Thought For The Week**

Take some time throughout the week to meditate on the sermon, answer the questions and apply these truths to your life.

What are some of the reasons people run from God and His plan today?

Can you think of a time when you ran from or resisted God?

Having compassion means we are sympathetic and willing to step in and help others in the midst of their pain or struggles. Jonah didn’t have much compassion for the Ninevites and he probably had a list of reasons why. Can you identify any influences from your past or present that have either grown or diminished your compassion for others?

Many of us can understand where Jonah was coming from in his dislike for the Ninevites. Jesus knew we would struggle with enemies too, and some of the toughest teaching in the Bible is directed at our response to people we just don’t like. What does Colossians 3:12-14 have to say about our attitude and behavior toward those who rub us the wrong way?

Surrendering is something we often try to avoid because it typically follows close on the heels of weakness, loss or failure. Read the following verses and jot down how you see strength being displayed in the midst of weakness and surrender.

John 13:12-15

2 Corinthians 12:9-10

Luke 22:39-42