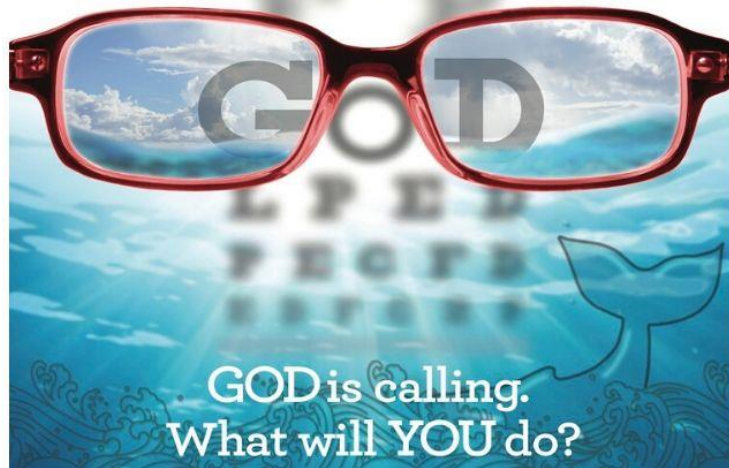


SERMON SERIES

SEEING 2020



For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.

Colossians 1:9-12
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“Let's Try This Again”

January 19, 2020

God is _____ to us as individuals and as the people of God. God's voice is direct, does not _____, and carries a weight to it. No one can _____ the signs of daily life alone.

*We don't see the world as it is.
We see the world as we are.*

Context:

God calls Jonah to go _____ to the people who enslaved his ancestors. Jonah goes _____ and tries to hide in the bottom of a ship. Jonah is found, thrown overboard and swallowed by a fish. It takes him three days and nights in the fish to _____ to God. God has the fish throw Jonah up onto shore where he _____.

The Sin of Racism

Most Americans (65%) – including majorities across racial and ethnic groups say it has become _____ common for people to express racist or racially insensitive views. (2019 Pew Research)

Jonah as a Self-Portrait:

Jonah 3:1-3, God calls/tells Jonah a _____ time.

Jonah 3:4-5, Jonah proclaims God's _____.

The people _____. They do what God asks of them the first time!

Jonah 3:6-9, The king sets a better example than _____.

Jonah 3:10, The Disney Ending – God _____ the people.

Jonah 4:1-3, Jonah's reality. God is ready to _____. Are you?

“Whenever we find our religious life is making us feel that we are better than someone else, I think we may be sure that we are being acted on, not by God, but by the devil.” – C.S. Lewis

Jonah 4:4, The Lord is asking, “Is it right for you to be _____?”

Religious Misconception: Good people go _____. Bad people go _____. God's will is _____ people go up and _____ go down. 2 Peter 3:9

The Human Experience: Romans 7:15-25

Whenever we _____ to do what is good, _____ lies close at hand. Since none of us can _____ ourselves, we can't judge Jesus' grace.

Action Step:

Pray for _____ with every person who will ever sit in your row.