

Mercy Ministry

Jonah 4:5-11

I. Mercy Ministry celebrates the win not the loss John 4:5

5 So Jonah went out of the city and sat on the east side of the city. There he made himself a shelter and sat under it in the shade, till he might see what would become of the city.

A. Mercy ministry is not a spectator sport.

B. Mercy ministry is not judging others

II. Mercy Ministry is to care for those inside the church Jonah 4:6-9

A. Ministry to the miserable (6)

6 And the LORD God prepared a plant and made it come up over Jonah, that it might be shade for his head to deliver him from his misery. So Jonah was very grateful for the plant.

B. Mercy ministry is heated (7,8)

7 But as morning dawned the next day God prepared a worm, and it *so* damaged the plant that it withered. 8 And it happened, when the sun arose, that God prepared a vehement east wind; and the sun beat on Jonah's head, so that he grew faint. Then he wished death for himself, and said, "*It is better for me to die than to live.*"

III. Mercy ministry is to serve and evangelize those outside the church Jonah 5:9-11

A. Mercy ministry speaks the truth in love (9,10)

9 Then God said to Jonah, "*Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?*" And he said, "*It is right for me to be angry, even to death!*"10 But the LORD said, "You have had pity on the plant for which you have not labored, nor made it grow, which came up in a night and perished in a night.****

B. Mercy ministry is concerned for the lost (11)

11 And should I not pity Nineveh, that great city, in which are more than one hundred and twenty thousand persons who cannot discern between their right hand and their left—and much livestock?"

Conclusion

I. Mercy Ministry celebrates the win not the loss.

II. Mercy Ministry is to care for those inside the church.

III. Mercy ministry is to serve and evangelize those outside the church.