

Introduction

- A Tale of Two Hearts
 - God is running to the pagans
 - Jonah is running away from the pagan
- We get a window into why both have acted the way that they have throughout the story?
- Preview: Why are our hearts often more like Jonah's than God's? How can our hearts be healed?

Body

- The Heart of God: Mercy
 - The story of Moses in Exodus 34
 - God's baseline emotion towards us is mercy
 - Meaning: The feeling a parent has towards a helpless child
 - B.B. Warfield (123)
 - What about his anger?
 - Anger is a response to when something we love is threatened
 - Judgement is always the last thing God wants to do
 - "Slow to anger"
 - He wants people to turn back to him
 - Unlike us, God is indiscriminate with his mercy
- The Heart of Jonah: Disordered
 - Jonah is deeply angry (This is comical: Actor winning an Oscar / Team winning the Superbowl)
 - Why is Jonah's so angry?
 - Jonah's heart is disordered
 - Jonah is upset because he cares about the fortunes of his people more than God's heart for other other people
 - Assyria was a great threat to Israel
 - Jonah's fears were justified
 - It kept him from moving towards the people God was calling him to
 - Our hearts are divided
 - Something similar is happening today in the west
 - Political Idolatry: It's good to be engaged in politics. But it's possible for your political affiliation to become so elevated in your affections, it begins to make you ineffective in mission.
 - Nationalism: It's good to be patriotic. But it's possible for your love for your country to become so elevated, it becomes a god (C.S. Lewis, 213)
 - Anything else...if you love anything more than God, then you'll pursue that thing will all that you have. But when you're pursuing

that thing, you won't be pursuing after the things God wants you to pursue.

- Reputation
 - Efficiency
 - What love in your life is keeping you from doing what God has called you to do?
- How Does God Heal Our Divided Hearts?
 - He Does It Slowly
 - He Shows Us His Glory
 - God's answer to Moses does create a mystery
 - It's not until the fullness of God's glory comes in Jesus that the mystery of God's mercy is resolved
 - Corri Ten Boom story (How seeing the glory of God in the face of Christ empowered her for mercy to her enemy)