

BLESS EVERY HOME

Care

Jonah

We are in our 2nd of a Sermon Series, entitled, *Bless Every Home*.

- Last week we challenged you to go home and register with their app and begin to pray for your neighbors.
- But is it just enough, even though it is a good start, to just pray for your neighbors?
 - How many of you grew up with the perfect sibling?
 - How would you like to have grown up with Jesus as your half-brother, that is what James had to do.
 - **James 2:14 – 17**

The 2nd step in being a blessing to our neighbors is to “care for them.”

When the word “care” is used in the Bible it can take on 3 different forms.

All 3 of these forms can be found in the small Old Testament Book of Jonah.

1st Divine – God’s concern for us.

- **Jonah 1:1-2** (the city’s seen as wicked in the eyes of God).
- **II Peter 3:9** - *The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.*
- God sends a prophet a “spokesperson” to warn the Ninevites before it was too late.

2nd Human – Our concern for others.

- In the beginning how concerned was Jonah for the Ninevites?
- **Jonah 1:3**
- More than 120,000 souls were at stake.
- Our Prayer Card for 2019 says we are a Church Family that has a heart for soul winning.
 - *Colossians 4:5-6* - *Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity. Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person.*

3rd Care – Worldly burdens

- God has the antidote (cure, remedy, answer)
- Jonah 3:5-9
 - *Philippians 4:6-7 - Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

Jesus tells us of a time when the great pretenders of this world will be exposed.

- Matthew 25:31-34.

But in this same passage Jesus also gives us the motivation for caring for our neighbors.

- Matthew 25:35-40