Antigo Community Church – January 15, 2023

Title: “Who Knows?”

Text: Jonah 3:1-10

We have two parallel accounts that follow the exact same format:

Chapters 1-2 Chapters 3-4

God’s Word comes to Jonah Go to Nineveh Go to Nineveh

Jonah’s encounter with pagans Sailors Ninevites

Jonah talks with God Belly of a fish Eastern overlook of Nineveh

Jeremiah 2:11-12

“Has a nation ever changed its gods? (Yet they are not gods at all.) But my people have exchanged their Glory for worthless idols. Be appalled at this, O heavens, and shudder with great horror, declares the Lord.”

Jonah 2:8-10

“Those who cling to worthless idols forfeit the grace that could be theirs. But I, with a song of thanksgiving, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. Salvation comes from the Lord.”

Jonah – Amazed by Grace

Scripture Reading

Jonah 3:1-10 (NIV 1984)

Exodus 5:2

“Pharoah said, ‘Who is the Lord, that I should obey him and let Israel go? I do not know the Lord and I will not let Israel go.’”

Exodus 7:3-4a

“But I [God] will harden Pharoah’s heart, and though I multiply my miraculous signs and wonders in Egypt, he will not listen to you.”

“Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish.”

2 Peter 3:9

“The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.”

Jeremiah 18:7-8

“If at any time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be uprooted, torn down and destroyed, and if that nation I warned repents of its evil, then I will relent and not inflict on it the disaster I had planned.”

God’s “A-Plan” is always Mercy when there is repentance

Wrong question – better question “Who will…?”

Who will humble themselves?

Who will believe?

Who will obey?

Who will repent?

Who will receive the Amazing Grace that God offers?