



## MERIDIAN CHURCH

### Worship Prep 8.12.18

*Please use this sheet to prepare yourself and your family for worship on Sunday morning. Read the text, pray, sing or read one of the suggested songs, or be creative.*

#### **Text: Jonah 4:1–11**

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Pray for your Leaders:

Preaching: Josh King

Call to worship: Mark Myers

Leading in music: Chris Coast

Communion: Bob Gray

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“From my childhood up, my mind had been full of objections against the doctrine of God’s sovereignty, in choosing whom he would to eternal life, and rejecting whom he pleased; leaving them eternally to perish, and be everlastingly tormented in hell. It used to appear like a horrible doctrine to me. But I remember the time very well, when I seemed to be convinced, and fully satisfied, as to this sovereignty of God, and his justice in thus eternally disposing of men, according to his sovereign pleasure. ... And there has been a wonderful alteration in my mind, with respect to the doctrine of God’s sovereignty, from that day to this; so that I scarce ever have found so much as the rising of an objection against it, in the most absolute sense, in God showing mercy to whom he will show mercy, and hardening whom he will. God’s absolute sovereignty and justice, with respect to salvation and damnation, is what my mind seems to rest assured of, as much as of any thing that I see with my eyes; at least it is so at times. But I have often, since that first conviction, had quite another kind of sense of God’s sovereignty that I had then. I have often since had not only a conviction, but a delightful conviction. The doctrine has very often appeared exceeding pleasant, bright, and sweet. Absolute sovereignty is what I love to ascribe to God. But my first conviction was not so.”

—Jonathan Edwards, *A Personal Narrative*

#### **Song:**

“His Mercy is More”

What love could remember no wrongs we  
have done  
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their  
sum  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

[Chorus]

Praise the Lord His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness new every morn  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly  
roam

What Father so tender is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

What riches of kindness He lavished on us  
His blood was the payment His life was the  
cost

We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

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