

Glenkirk Church is a worshipping community, inviting everyone to join in the journey of becoming fully devoted followers of Christ, loving God and His world.

Tag line...Love God love the world

Key words

Worship

Invite

Become

Love

- Church is not something we do, it is not a place we go to, it is who we are —we are the Body of Christ—gathered and scattered
- God does not have a mission for a His Church, He has a Church for His Mission
- We, like Jonah, are called to go out on Mission
- Last Sunday—why not leave—because God has called them to stay—prayers of thanksgiving that person arrested will result in Kingdom growth

- Myth, Parable, Allegory or Narrative
- A:B::A'B' (1:2::3:4)—2 Parallel cycles continually call for comparison
  - disobedient prophet/faith of seaman—Jonah's petty concern for plant/God's gracious care for pagan Nineveh
  - God's gracious extension of mercy to Gentile nations/God's sovereignty of over life, elements and circumstances (storm, fish, plan and worm)
- Who is Author? Who is Audience?
- Call to see all of history—all that happens in world from lens of God's missional purposes
- Problem of Fish—3 days in Whale—Death/Resurrection
- Not miss message as struggle with details

- 782-753 Reign of Jeroboam II
- 722—Northern Kingdom falls to Assyria
- 612—Fall of Assyria

- Theology was Great—Problem was He did not put it into practice

<sup>23</sup> In the fifteenth year of Amaziah son of Joash king of Judah, Jeroboam son of Jehoash king of Israel became king in Samaria, and he reigned forty-one years. <sup>24</sup> He did evil in the eyes of the Lord and did not turn away from any of the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, which he had caused Israel to commit. <sup>25</sup> He was the one who restored the boundaries of Israel from Lebo Hamath to the Dead Sea, in accordance with the word of the Lord, the God of Israel, spoken through his servant Jonah son of Amittai, the prophet from Gath Hopher. 2 Kings 14:23–25 (NIV)

- Fish Miraculous provision
- Laugh at Jonah—at Fish vomiting Jonah on to beach—Jonah makes everyone else look good
- Go Down—slippery slope to death
- Grievous sin—yet God answered prayer by Grace
- Reluctant evangelist/disobedient prophet
- See absoluteness of Grace—all God

- Irreligious
- Religious
- Christian—not morals, but relationship—who truly is at the center of your life—Identity in Jesus or in being successful prophet—one cannot preach grace if not experience it
- Jonah is afraid that they would not repent-that they would repent
- Issues of fear/and need for grace that yields humility and confident love
- Parallel with Jesus—3 days—but also gives life for sailors—note sailors fear (Mark)
  - Storms show who we are, what not to do, what to do—give life for others
- Nothing exists just to exist—God has a design for you

- Key Verse Jonah/Bible—2:9—Salvation Comes from the Lord
  - Fear eroded
  - Humbled by grace-life of love



- Help People Move Closer to Jesus and Become more like Him
  - Make Space for The Spirit—Not know more as much as been in deeper relationship—transformation is Key—which is a Holy Spirit activity that we partner with. Total Re-Birth of how see world, others, life, what works, what is of value
  - Be in a accountable Community
  - Go
  - Who Are you Called to Love Intentionally
  - Be Aware, identification with, passion for, prayer, and involvement—make space for the Spirit in you but also make space for the Spirit to use you

- Model Godly Character
- Making Good Work—whatever you find to do, do as if doing it unto God
- Ministering Grace and Love—How can I display these today-be intentional about random acts of kindness and grace
- Molding Culture—How do I talk about the circumstances I am in, how to I bring life out of bad situations
- Being a Mouthpiece for Truth and Justice (In Grace-filled Love)
- Being a messenger for the Gospel

- God Reigns—He sends storm, he sends fish, he sends plagues
- God is For Us (He smiles when he thinks of us, he loves us)
- God is with Us to support and comfort and strengthen—he comes along side us)
- God comes so we can see what he is like so we can be in relationship with God
- God enables us to become like him that we might take his love to others—coming along side of them, being for them, loving them that they too might know God-God trusts us with his work—we are called to represent God (how am I doing—how did I do yesterday)
- So who are we called to be one of—who responds to you—who are you called to intentionally invest in—

1. Can I Pray for You?
2. Can I Serve You?
3. Can I Share My Story?
4. Can I Share God's Story?

# Bible As A 5 Act Play

- Creation—God created us to be in loving relationship with Him, to live out his intentions to be good stewards, to be his junior partners on earth—he created the earth good
- Fall—We distrusted and rebelled, we put ourselves on the throne displacing God—and thus evil and death entered into the world—sin is not an act—it is an attitude of my reign over God’s reigning
- Israel—God’s rescue plan was to call a people to be his Earthly representatives to bless others as he blessed them—problem was they kept blessings for themselves
- Jesus—God Himself does what Israel did not—he came to earth to reconcile, restore and usher in the new creation-God’s Kingdom rule
- The Holy Spirit and the Church—we are in the final chapter—Acts is the one book that is not finished—we are to continue the work of Pentecost and partner with the Holy Spirit until Jesus returns
- Bible is not a series of disjointed stories, a treasure chest of principles, or a self-help book—it is the story of God working in History

- God's love will never let you go
- God's love can reach you no matter how far you fall or run
- God's love means 2nd chances
- God's love extends to all

- God came to rescue sinners—-we are to finish his mission (what sinners do you know)
- Believe Jesus worth bringing people to—bring the compassion of Jesus to others
- Marked by action
- Spirit cooperation
- Perseveres—does not give up
- Called to live incarnationally—1 Cor 9:19-22
- God came to us to—he came to be with us—he came to serve not to be served—so are we called to go and serve—sacrificially—take up your cross for those who do not deserve it
- Identify with so serve, find need and meet it
- Find your story in God's story
- Call to be like Jesus—Incarnational living

# Lost Sheep

- More Radical View of Sin
- New View of your Value
- New View of Salvation—the God who seeks, who calls us to go and seek
- Real story is not the Sheep—it is the Pharisees
- Issue of Rome—Essenes, Zealots, Sadducees, Pharisees—called to incarnation—seeking—sacrificial living





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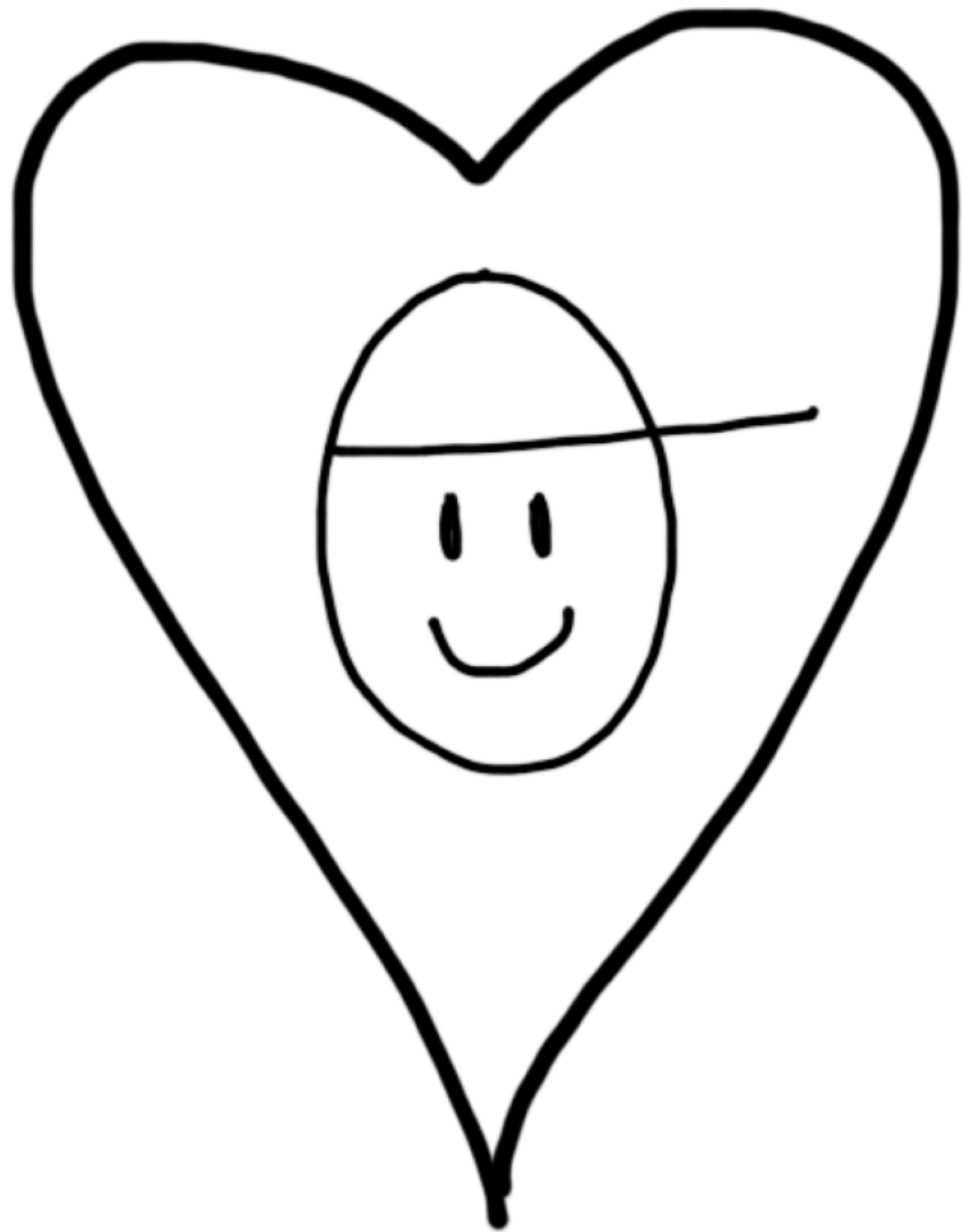
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