## The Long Nose of God and the Stiff-necked Worm Jonah 4:5 – 11

Controlling Idea: The gracious, personal Lord of Jonah ministers His message to the messenger. Behold what lengths God humbly labors to align His children's' hearts:

God graciously bestows joy on the ungracious, 4:5 - 8

## Tabletalk Questions For the 9-12-2010 sermon

*"The Long Nose of God*...", Jonah 4:5 – 11

1) Such personal encounters with God Almighty were rare events for Old Testament believers. In our experienceexalting culture, how does God "speak" to you today?

2) Should we hunger for a unique, extravagant personal encounter with the living God on this side of the incarnation? <u>Reasons for YES</u> <u>Reasons for NO</u>

God patiently probes the anger of the impatient, 4:9

God humbly reasons with the prideful, 4:10, 11

Application: Answering the question

3) What did Jonah reveal about himself with his repeated wishes to die (4:3,8,9)?

If you have ever become angry because you valued something in your life more than God's glory, how did that heart desire get reshaped by the Lord?

4) What is the most endearing lesson you have learned from Jonah this summer?