

**Experiencing Amazing - Part 6
(The Book of Jonah)**

“How to Prepare your Heart for November 5”

Jonah 4:1-4

What if the day after the election you had peace, joy, and confidence in God above all else, no matter the _____?

How to Prepare your Heart for November 5

1. Rightfully order your _____.

When our politics derail our mission to love and reach out with God’s grace even to our enemies and those who oppose our political ideals, we need to reorder _____.

We need to cultivate our love for God instead of continuing to cultivate our hate for our political _____.

“We all know now that this love [of country] becomes a demon when it becomes a _____.” (C.S. Lewis)

(Lewis) Love of country begins with a healthy love of what’s familiar—our home, the people who live there, the landscape, and the culture. But it often moves to idealizing home and whitewashing our sins and the sins of our ancestors. Then it can shift again to a feeling of superiority. And at its worst, that feeling justifies acts of cruelty, oppression, exclusion, and even _____.

2. Identify your _____.

Inordinate grieving often reveals our _____. (1 Thessalonians 4:13)

Are we seeking to destroy our “opponents” or to rescue them with the gospel? Do we enter political discussions reflecting the fruit of the Spirit? When we correct or oppose, is it with the goal of winning the conversation or winning a _____?

3. Cling to _____.

MY OUTREACH TEMPERATURE

Cold

Hot



Personal Reflection & Small Group Questions

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week’s sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

2. Read Jonah 4:1-4. What are some of the ways you focus on rightly ordering your affections?

3. When we make more of politics than we do of God and his mission, what are some of the idols that might be lurking in our hearts?

4. What is your outreach temperature today, and what can you do to raise it in the coming week? (Remember, we are stewards of our outreach temperature.)