***JON’S SERMON OUTLINE….***

THE DIFFERENCE ONE LEAF MAKES

***6****After forty days Noah opened a window he had made in the ark****7****and sent out a raven, and it kept flying back and forth until the water had dried up from the earth.****8****Then he sent out a dove to see if the water had receded from the surface of the ground.****9****But the dove could find nowhere to perch because there was water over all the surface of the earth; so it returned to Noah in the ark. He reached out his hand and took the dove and brought it back to himself in the ark.****10****He waited seven more days and again sent out the dove from the ark.****11****When the dove returned to him in the evening, there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf! Then Noah knew that the water had receded from the earth.*

Genesis 8:6-11

Introduction: Water! That’s all Noah could see when the rains stopped. The journey aboard the ark left Noah and his family wanting to see something else. The dove was sent out to bring hope. When it returned with an olive leaf, that dove made quite a difference. Maybe there’s a message for us.

1. IT OFFERS A LITTLE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:

 a. Sometimes that’s all you need (Genesis 8:10-11).

 b. We love the doves that bring hope (John 8:10-11, John 11:25-27).

 c. God knows what you need (2 Corinthians 4:17).

2. IT IS MEANT TO BE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:

 a. You exalt the Lord among others (1 Peter 2:9).

 b. You encourage others (1 Corinthians 13:7).

 c. You extend hope as a survivor (2 Corinthians 1:3-4).

CONCLUSION: What a difference a leaf can make.

Answers: 1. Hope 2. Shared