
USE THESE QUESTIONS AND RESOURCES TO HELP YOU PROCESS THE MESSAGE DURING YOUR STUDY TIME OR WITH YOUR GROUP.

Message Recap: Pastor Tim Keller once said, *"All of us are more sinful than we ever dared believe, but at the very same time, more loved than we ever dared hope!"* The book of Jonah is complex and confusing until we recognize our role within the story. But God remains faithful throughout the prophet's story and our own because he is gracious, compassionate, slow to anger, and abounding in love.

» Main Points

- Check Yourself.
- Cultivate Compassion.
- Cry Out to Christ.

» Getting Started

- What is something you think you deserve that someone else does not?

» Observation

- Read and reflect on [Jonah 2:1-3, 9; 3:1-10; 4:1-11; Exodus 34:6](#)
- What are your initial reactions to these passages? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses?

reachout

- Sometimes we have a hard time engaging with the people around us because they are different than us, maybe we feel like we are better than them, take some time this week to see the good in people around you, to see how their differences make them special, and try to see them how they are, beloved children of God.

growdeep

- God provides and is concerned about people. In the story of Jonah and the Ninevites, how do you see God's provision and concern for both the prophet and the people?
- If you are honest, do you find yourself spending more time concerned about your own comfort or someone else's calamity? Losing your stuff or someone else losing their soul?
- Reread Jonah 3 and 4. How do the responses of the Ninevites and Jonah surprise you? In what ways might your "enemy" be more open to God's redeeming love than you are?

partner with families

- Jonah's story provides a great opportunity to talk as a family about how God feels about all people in the world. Spend some time talking about the differences between how God felt about the people of Nineveh and how Jonah felt about them. Then, share about some of the people who are hard for you to love. Then pray for those people and ask God to help you love them like he does.

» Next Steps and Prayer

- It's not too late to join the [Jonah Reading Plan](#) on The Bible App through YouVersion.
- Close by thanking God for the story of Jonah, for the way he continues to rescue people, and that he loves this world so much he sent Jesus, his One and Only Son, so that whoever believes in him would not perish but have eternal life.