

WEEK 4 | JONAH 4 | RUNNING WITH GOD

Read Jonah 4 and answer the following questions.

Verse 1 tells us that Jonah was displeased and angry. What was the reason for this?

How does Jonah's attitude about the plant's destruction reveal what's in his heart?

How does Jonah's attitude compare with other times when people didn't like God forgiving others?

- Luke 15 with the older brother

- Matthew 18 and the unforgiving steward

What does 4:11 reveal about God's attitude toward people who are "outside"? How do our own attitudes come out in our words and actions?

How many people (groups) did God have compassion on in this book? What is the common theme to each situation?

How does Jonah's situation compare with Nineveh's situation? How are they similar or different?

What is the basis on which God shows compassion to people in this book? How should that affect how we live today?

God loved and had compassion on Israel's (and Jonah's enemies). How does Matthew 5:43-48 and Jesus' teaching speak to our views of our enemies?

Who are the Ninevites in your life? Who are your enemies in your life that you would rather perish than repent? Who are the people you don't want to hear the good news? Where is it that God's calling you but you'd rather not go?

Who has God called you to take the good news to?

What have you learned from the book of Jonah?

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Have you ever felt like Jonah, angry that God forgave someone you didn't feel deserved it? How does God's grace towards each of us counteract an attitude of unforgiveness?

Bases on verse 2b, Jonah clearly knows God's character but it doesn't affect him. How should God's character affect our own?

In what situations are you tempted to try to avoid God or sit alone and sulk like Jonah? How do you overcome those feelings? Which Scriptures do you (or could you) turn to when you feel this way?

What has stood out to you most in the book of Jonah? How has God used this study in your personal walk with Him?