

JONAH

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Week 4

Read Jonah 4. Record your observations.

Consider: what words stand out to you? Who is the passage written to? What are the circumstances surrounding this chapter?

Answer the following questions based on your own study and Sunday's message.

1. Read Jonah 4:1-2. How did Jonah respond to the repentance of the people of Nineveh? Why might Jonah have objected to the fact that God showed mercy to the people of Nineveh?
2. List other passages in the Bible about the grace and mercy of God.
3. Explain how Jonah's attitude differed from what should be expected of a preacher when so many people are converted in response to his preaching.
4. God had showed mercy in sparing Jonah. What can we learn about Jonah's attitude when God spared him compared to his attitude when God spared Nineveh?
5. Read Jonah 4:11. How did God use the plant to demonstrate His concern for the people of Nineveh?
6. Compare Jonah's attitude to the attitude of the older brother in the story of the prodigal son (Luke 15).

Scripture Memorization:

"...I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity."

– Jonah 4:2b