

From Rubble to Redemption - Jonah

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The book of Jonah is a story about Jonah and not a collection of his teachings. How does that inform how we should read this book? (*Leader Tip: We need to read it the same way we do the prophetic picture of Hosea & Gomer*)

Read Jonah 1. Think about the response of Jonah to God and the response of the Sailors to God. What's similar? What's different?

Read Jonah 2. What do you notice about this psalm? Think about his current situation in the belly of the whale. What seems to be missing? (*Leader tip: Repentance*) What does it say about Jonah's heart?

Read Jonah 3. What is missing from Jonah's message to Nineveh? (*Leader Tip: Recall Hosea and Amos from the past two weeks*).

Think of the response of the City of Nineveh to the preaching of God's word. Why does the author talk about the cattle being covered in sackcloth? Compare and contrast Nineveh's response to Jonah's response to God's command.

Read Jonah 4:1-3. Read Exodus 34:6-7. Why does Jonah say he didn't want to go to Nineveh in the first place? What does this tell us about Jonah's heart? Have you ever been frustrated that God has had mercy on someone?

Read Jonah 4:4-11. God is pointing out that Jonah cares more about this plant than the city of Nineveh. What does that tell us about how Jonah views the people of Nineveh?

The book of Jonah ends with a pointed question to Jonah. Why do you think that is? What is the author trying to communicate by finishing the book this way?

Think about the whole book of Jonah. Who is the good guy? Who is the bad guy?

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