



AUGUST 24
QUESTIONS

STUDY

Digging Deeper into "Jonah 4"

1. Start by reading Jonah 4 as a group.
2. What key events from Jonah chapter 3 lead into chapter 4? In particular, how did the Ninevites respond to Jonah's message?
3. How would you summarize Jonah's reaction to Nineveh's repentance in your own words?
4. Why do you think Jonah was so angry at God's mercy toward Nineveh?
5. How does Jonah's prayer in chapter 4 differ from his prayer in chapter 2? What does that reveal about his heart?
6. Describe the sequence of events with the plant, worm, and wind in Jonah 4:6-8, and how God uses them to teach Jonah.
7. What does God's repeated question—"Is it right for you to be angry?"—show us about His posture toward Jonah?
8. Why do you think the book of Jonah ends without telling us Jonah's response? What lesson is that meant to leave with us?
9. Jonah describes God as "gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love." How have you personally experienced these qualities of God?
10. Why do you think Jonah struggled to rejoice in these attributes when they were extended to his enemies?
11. How does Jonah's anger at God's mercy expose areas where we might want justice for others but grace for ourselves?
12. What "plants" in your life (comforts, idols, desires) are you tempted to love more than people's souls?

13. When God takes away comforts or things we rely on, how do you usually respond?
14. Jonah's "god" was national security and pride in his people. What things besides God are you tempted to make ultimate in your life?
15. Where do you see a divided heart in yourself—trying to serve both God and something else?
16. What does Jonah's story teach us about loving our enemies in light of Jesus' command in Matthew 5?
17. How can our small group grow in reflecting God's mercy and compassion toward those we naturally resist loving?
18. Who might be the "Ninevites" in your life—people you find hard to imagine God showing mercy to?
19. What practices can help reorient our hearts so God remains our first love and all other loves fall into their right place?
20. How does the gospel free us from clinging to comfort, reputation, or nationalism as our hope?
21. If the story of Jonah reveals the danger of a divided heart, what would it look like for Jesus to be truly King of your heart this week—in your thoughts, relationships, and decisions?
22. As we wrap up the study in Jonah, what is one main thing the Lord desires for you to know and live out?

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