



## Jonah: Compassion

Jonah 4:1-11

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### Step 1: Reflect on the Text

Why do we do this first? We always want to start with the Bible. The goal is to meditate on the Word and read it with an ear sensitive to the Holy Spirit's promptings. Look for words or phrases that stand out through logic, repetition, layout, etc.

-  Read the sermon scripture(s) listed above. What stands out to you? What do you find interesting and/or important? What is challenging or causes you to have questions?

### Step 2: Reflect on the Sermon

#### INTRODUCTION

- 1 When was the last time you saw compassion that moved you?
- 2 What was your one, big takeaway from the sermon? How would you summarize the main theme of the sermon in one phrase or sentence?

#### COMPASSION: JONAH'S ANGER

- 3 Why was Jonah's angry response to God's compassion on Nineveh an "iceberg moment" in his life? Have you ever had an "iceberg moment" in your life?
- 4 In your own words, what is an idol? What was Jonah's idol? What is the current "American idol"? How did Adam apply the phrase, "Where there is smoke, there is fire"?

- 5 Adam said, “It is possible to selectively read the Bible in order to justify yourself. You know you are doing this if you feel more righteous and/or superior when you read it.” Have you ever been guilty of selectively reading or quoting the Bible in this way?
- 6 Adam said, “The really unbearable thing for us is grace. If grace has not bothered you with how radical it is, then you might not really be getting it.” How can grace be unbearable? Have you ever been bothered by God’s grace?

#### COMPASSION: GOD’S CHARACTER

- 7 How did God demonstrate his patience with a stubborn Jonah? Has God demonstrated His patience with your stubbornness over the years?
- 8 Jonah was angry; God was sad. Jonah should have been weeping with God over the plight of the Ninevites. When was the last time you wept out of compassion for someone else’s plight?
- 9 The Bible presents God as a God of both justice and grace. How can God both punish evil and be merciful?

#### COMPASSION: GOD’S QUESTION

- 10 How are you and I like Jonah? How is the question God aimed at Jonah also aimed at us?
- 11 Compassion is a choice. What keeps you from regularly choosing compassion in your day-to-day interactions with others?

### **Step 3: Final Reflections**

- † How has your understanding, appreciation, and love for Jesus and the gospel grown as a result of this study?
- ♥ In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to act as a result of this study?