

Summer in THE MINORS

JONAH

Week 4: Read Jonah 1:1 - 4:11; Genesis 18:16-33

Research a little bit online, or in a commentary, to find out who the Assyrians and Ninevites were and what they were known for. What did they need to turn from?

How were Jonah's and Abraham's situations similar?
What differences do you see in their attitudes and response?

Have you ever weathered a storm that was brought about by your own disobedience?

Compare Jonah 1:1-3 with 3:1-3. What similarities and differences do you notice?

What are the 4 things we're told that God provided or appointed (1:17 & 4:6,7,8)?
What can we learn through what God provided in those instances?

What can we learn about God both in the way He treats the Ninevites, and also in the way He treats Jonah? Does this fit with how you have viewed God in the past?

Where can we see echoes of Christ in the book of Jonah (see Matthew 12:38-41)?

Make it personal:

Is there anyone in your life, or any group of people, that make you feel like Jonah did?

How can Jonah 4: 2 and 4: 11 shape how we view those around us who are not currently following the Lord, even in an extreme fashion like the Ninevites?

Is there anything you feel God has been calling you to, that you've been avoiding?
Is there any repentance God is calling you to, that you need to answer?

Prayer:

You are so good, and you are so full of mercy and compassion. Thank you that your plan to extend grace won't be hindered by our lack of it. We ask that you would expand your grace in our hearts. Help us to see those we think are the worst of sinners as you see them, as confused people, created in the image of God, who cannot tell their right hand from their left. And Father, forgive us when all we want to do is run the other way. In the name of Jesus, amen.

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