

The Link for NC Groups

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Series: The Book of Jonah

Key Passage: Chapter 4

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Review of Jonah chapters 1-3

In chapter 1, God calls Jonah to go to Nineveh. Instead, Jonah goes, in the opposite direction, to Tarshish. We wonder why Jonah disobeys. It isn't until chapter 4 that the answer is given. After Jonah flees for Tarshish he boards a boat and God sends a storm which frightens Mariners who fear God and offer sacrifices to Him. Jonah says he fears God but is an open rebellion against God and request to be thrown overboard. God sends a great fish to rescue Jonah as he is drowning after being thrown overboard. In chapter 2, Jonah is in the belly of the fish talking to God. He is thankful that God rescues him, but his prayer is somewhat self-righteous. In chapter 3, Jonah finally gets to Nineveh, and warns of the coming judgment of God. Miraculously, all of Nineveh, from the king on down, repent of their evil ways and turn to God. Now we're ready for chapter 4.

Answer these questions before reading Jonah chapter 4:

- When was the last time you were angry? What made you angry?

- When was the last time you were happy? What made you happy?

Side note: What makes you angry and what makes you happy reveals what you truly value and treasure. God gives us Jonah chapter 4 so that we will evaluate what we value to see if it lines up with what God wants us to value most.

Read Jonah chapter 4: 1-3 and answer the following questions:

- Why was Jonah angry?

- Is Jonah's anger justified?

Read Jonah 4: 4

- In Verse 4, Why do you think God asks Jonah this question? Read Genesis 3: 8-13, why does God ask Adam and Eve questions?

Read Jonah 4: 5-8

- How does God try to get Jonah's attention?

- What is God trying to reveal to Jonah?

Read Jonah 4: 9-11

- What is God trying to teach Jonah?

List 3 personal takeaways you gained from Jonah chapter 4:
