

Jonah

Chapter Four

Redeeming the Hardened Heart

Small Group Discussion Questions

1. What initially grabs your attention in this sermon? What questions or thoughts came to mind as you reflected on Jonah 4?
2. Why do think we often feel like God should bless us but not bless our enemies? Where do you see that tension in your own heart?
3. Jonah could clearly see Nineveh's wrongdoing, yet he didn't believe they deserved God's mercy. At the same time, Jonah had just experienced God's grace after disobeying. Read Matthew 7:1-5. Why is it so easy to notice sin in others while staying blind to our own?
4. The people of Nineveh were outsiders (not God's chosen people like the Israelites) yet He showed them compassion. What does that imply about God's heart for those we consider "outsiders" today? How should we respond to those we consider "outsiders"?
5. Read John 3:16-17. How does God see the world? What practical steps can we take to begin seeing people the way God sees them?
6. Read 2 Corinthians 5:16-19. What changes when we adopt God's perspective? Who benefits from that kind of "new" viewpoint?
7. Is there any "Nineveh-style" resentment in your heart that needs to be surrendered to God?
8. Is there someone you need to forgive or make right with? Who are 1-3 people in your life that God wants you to love on, pray for, and point toward Jesus?