

STUDENT TOOLKIT



Jonah 4 – Learning the Heart of God

Jonah 4 concludes the narrative not with Nineveh’s response, but with Jonah’s heart. After the city repents and God relents from judgment, Jonah becomes angry at divine mercy. The chapter shifts from a public revival to a private confrontation, exposing the prophet’s inner struggle with God’s compassion. Through a divinely appointed plant, worm, and scorching east wind, the Lord teaches Jonah a personal lesson about mercy, priorities, and the value of human life. The book closes with a question from God, inviting both Jonah—and the reader—to examine whether our hearts align with His.

Jonah 4:1–4 — Jonah’s anger

 **Jonah 4:1–4** | **Key Verse:** *"Therefore now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live."* — Jonah 4:3 (ESV)

Jonah 4:5–11 — God’s object lesson

 **Jonah 4:5-11** | **Key Verse:** *"And should not I pity Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also much cattle?"*— Jonah 4:11 (ESV)

Small Group Discussion:

1. *What doctrines about the character and sovereignty of God are revealed in Jonah 4, particularly in His compassion toward Nineveh and His control over the plant, worm, and wind?*
2. *What does Jonah 4 teach us about the danger of valuing personal comfort or preferences over God’s redemptive purposes—and how might God be using circumstances in your life to align your heart with His compassion?*