

You shall walk after the Lord your God and fear him and keep his commandments and obey his voice, and you shall serve him and hold fast to him. Deuteronomy 13:4

1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel? 2. What does this story teach me about myself? 3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good? 4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God? 5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?



Unit 14 • Session 2

JONAH, PROPHET TO NINEVEH

WHY DO CHRISTIANS CONTINUE TO SIN? CHRISTIANS CONTINUE TO SIN BECAUSE WE STILL HAVE A SIN NATURE, BUT WHEN JESUS RETURNS, HE WILL MAKE US SINLESS LIKE HIM.

God told Jonah to preach to the great city of Nineveh, because their sin was great. Jonah did not want to go to Nineveh, so he boarded a boat to Tarshish. The Lord sent a great storm on the sea. Jonah knew the storm was because of him. The sailors picked up Jonah and threw him into the sea, and the waves stilled, and the wind stopped. The Lord sent a large fish to swallow Jonah. Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights. Then the Lord commanded the fish to spit Jonah on dry land. God said again to Jonah, "Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach the message I tell you." This time, Jonah obeyed.

When Jonah got to Nineveh, he shouted, "In forty days, Nineveh will be destroyed!" The people of Nineveh fasted and dressed in sackcloth. The king fasted saying, "Each of us must turn from our evil ways. Maybe God will turn from his anger, and we will not die." God saw the actions of the Ninevites and did not destroy them. This made Jonah angry. He prayed, "God, this is why I ran away from Nineveh! I knew that you are gracious and compassionate." Jonah traveled outside the city and sat down. God caused a large plant to grow to give him shade. Then God caused the plant to die. Jonah was angry. God said, "You cared about the plant, which you did not plant or grow. Can't I care about a city full of people who don't know right from wrong?"

Christ Connection: Jonah spent three days in a fish so that the people of Nineveh could hear God's message, turn from sin, and be saved. Jesus was in the tomb for three days so that we could hear and trust the gospel, turn from sin, and be saved.



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