

Alderwood Community Church
March 10, 2019

Jonah: A Sleeping Missionary in a Dying World
Jonah 1:1-3; 4:1; and 4:9-10
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Sermon Questions:

1. What was one take-away for you from Sunday's sermon?
2. Read the entire book of **Jonah** (It's only 40 verses long). What impresses you in this story?

3. Read **Jonah 1:1-3**. Nineveh was about 500 miles northeast of Israel and Tarshish was about 2,500 miles the opposite direction. Why do you think he went to such lengths to run away from God and His will? Have you ever “run” from God and His will for you? Explain.
4. Even though Jonah disobeyed God, God graciously pursued Jonah. How do you see God’s grace in Jonah’s experience? In what ways has God shown His grace toward you?
5. Jonah was hardheaded and did not appear to make the connection between God’s grace toward him and his attitude toward the Ninevites. Has God’s grace toward you changed the way you see other people? Explain.

6. Read **Jonah 4:1-3** again. Why was Jonah angry? Is there anyone, in your thinking, to whom God should not show compassion? Why do we think that way?
7. In **Jonah 4:9-11** Jonah was more concerned about a plant than 120,000 people in Nineveh who were going to hell. Is that in any way true of you? How do we move beyond our narrow, petty focus on ourselves to a greater concern for people who don't know Christ?
8. How does God want you to show His grace and compassion to unbelievers in your life?