



discussion questions | July 20, 2014

today

Jonah is a prophet of God with an unlikely story. He tries to run from God. He is swallowed by a fish. He converts an evil empire with a 1-sentence sermon of judgment. And yet the most unbelievable part of Jonah's story is that this prophet of God is the most hateful, spiteful person we've ever met. How is Jonah's story a warning for us? How does he warn us against becoming bitter and spiteful?

prophet profile

Name: Jonah

Occupation: Prophet

Lived In: Galilee (in Israel)

Dates Active: 790-750 BC

Major Themes: Being as merciful and forgiving as God

Key Verses: 4:1-4

scripture for further reading

Jonah 1-4; Matthew 5:38-48; Romans 5:6-11; James 1:19-25

discussion questions

1. According to Jonah 4:2, why didn't Jonah want to go to Nineveh?
2. Have you ever hated someone in your life that much?
3. Jonah describes God as "slow to anger and quick to show mercy." Is this your picture of God? Why or why not?
4. Do you admire Jonah? Why or why not? What are his most notable characteristics?
5. What does forgiveness look like in your life this week?

