

## Jonah

There are four characters in the story of Jonah. What were their sins? Did they repent (how can you tell)? What acts of grace were provided to them? What motivated them? Did they obey?

	<b>God</b>	<b>Jonah</b>	<b>Sailors</b>	<b>Ninevites</b>
<b>Sin</b>				
<b>Repentance</b>				
<b>Grace</b>				
<b>Motivation</b>				
<b>Obedience</b>				

What role do the “miraculous” natural events (storm/calm, fish, plant, worm, wind) of this story have? what is their purpose?

What message did Jonah deliver to the people of Ninevah? Was it the message he was supposed to deliver (did he do it right)? [1:2; 3:4] Was there an offer of salvation if the people repented?

In his prayer from the depths Jonah speaks of God’s punishment of him, but never of his own sin; he speaks of his despair and his rescue – what does he say about God?

What did the ship’s captain and the king of Ninevah have in common?

What message is God trying to convey to Ninevah? to Israel? to Jonah? to us?

How could a successful prophet fail so miserably? What was Jonah’s greatest sin? his greatest failure?

**Next week:** Micah chapters 2, 4, and 6.