

Sunnyside Foursquare Church

Series: Kingdom Culture

Title: Aftermath

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Passage- Jonah Chapter 4

1. Why do you think Jonah was angry for God having compassion on Nineveh? It is said that anger is a *secondary emotion* to cover or self-medicate (anesthetize) when we're afraid (**Genesis Process** by Michael Dye).
 - a. Jonah even quotes **Exodus 34:6-7**, which describes God's character revealed to Moses, so why the anger?
2. Why is it easy for us, during the time we live in history (having the Bible in completion, following the life & work of Jesus, etc.), to sort of give Jonah a hard time for this response and attitude (Fun fact: God's promise of a New Covenant given through the Prophet Ezekiel [Ezekiel 36:26-27] wasn't given until 200 years after the time of Jonah).
3. There are a handful of miracles mentioned in the book of Jonah. Can you find them and share them with those you're with?
 - a. Please read **Hebrews 13:8**. Times change, yet God remains the same. Why is it important for us to believe that God still does miracles today?
4. Does Jonah's attitude reveal that his heart is not fully submitted to God and His will? If so, then how? Please be specific. Check out this insight (below), from a commentary, about how Jonah's poor theology could negatively his attitude towards those 'outside of Israel.'

"The Old Testament did not explicitly teach hatred for one's enemies, although hating God's enemies was **pious** (defined- *deeply religious, devoted to a faith, or showing a strong reverence for God and sacred duties*) way to feel; some Jewish groups, like the *Essenes*, emphasized hatred toward those outside the covenant. Prayer for one's persecutors had NOT generally characterized even the most pious in the Old Testament." – IVP Bible Background Commentary

5. On the contrary, read what Jesus had to say about how we as believers are to interact with our enemies. Please read **Matthew 5:43-48**.
 - a. As you read these words from Jesus do you sense or feel any conviction about anyone you need to pray for or forgive? If so, please take time to pray for them and or to extend forgiveness where needed.
6. What is your personal take away from this series?