

**1. Searching for rest**

- a) Jonah 1:1-3 How did Jonah seek to find rest while resisting the call of God?
- b) Why do you think Jonah was reticent to prophesy against Nineveh?
- c) Jonah 1:4-6 How did the LORD capture Jonah's attention?
- d) Share a time when you resisted the call of God on your life. How did the LORD capture your attention?

**2. Jonah's confession and request**

- a) Jonah 1:7-10 What event caused the runaway prophet to reveal both his identity and reason for his attempt to flee from the presence of the LORD?
- b) Read Psalm 139:7-12 Is this bad news or good news?
- c) Jonah 1:11-16 What was the final outcome of Jonah's tumultuous boat ride?
- d) Jonah 1:17 Why was the LORD merciful to Jonah in the midst of this life-threatening situation?
- e) What other biblical stories or texts emphasize the mercy of the LORD? Exodus 34:6, Psalm 136:1-3, Lamentations 3:22-24, 2 Peter 3:9, etc.

**3. Jonah's conversion and recommissioning**

- a) Jonah 2:1-9 What are your thoughts about Jonah's prayer?

- b) Jonah 2:10, 3:1-2 What lessons can we learn from the response of the LORD to Jonah's prayer?
- c) Some people ask, "Does prayer really make any difference in the events of life?" What is your testimony?

**4. Jonah's remarkable success and his reaction**

- a) Jonah 3:3-10 How would you describe the outcome of Jonah's mission assignment to Nineveh?
- b) Share some Bible texts that remind us impossible outcomes are possible with God. Jeremiah 32:26-27, Luke 1:37, etc.
- c) Jonah 4:1-3 How do you explain Jonah's reaction to his successful missionary endeavor?

**5. The LORD's merciful response**

- a) Jonah 4:4-11 Where do you see the mercy of the LORD revealed in His response to Jonah?
- b) How would you have responded to Jonah?
- c) Read Luke 9:51-56 How does this incident in the life of Jesus parallel the reaction and response recorded in Jonah 4?
- d) Why are we called to show mercy to others? Luke 6:36, Matthew 5:7, Psalm 37:25-26
- e) Share a time when the LORD impressed you to be merciful. How did this experience impact your life?

