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?