

# THE BOOK OF JONAH

## Part 3: "Religious and Lost"

### Introduction

Jonah was given a second chance to obey God, but we learn he obeyed begrudgingly; with a self-righteous heart. When we contrast the heart of God with the heart of Jonah, we are challenged to consider how far our compassion extends compared to God.

### Discussion Questions

1. What is one of the greatest "comeback"/"second chance" stories of all time; from film or history? What was the hero/heroine up against? How did they overcome the odds?
2. Where in your life have you experienced God giving you a "second chance?" How did that shape your view of him?
3. Jonah obeyed God the second time he called, but his heart did not follow. What makes it hard for us to say an unreserved "yes" to God, and what helps us obey?
4. Who or what feels like "Nineveh" to you— a person, group or situation that feels too far gone? How might God be calling you to extend or stretch your compassion to them?
5. The Ninevites didn't just feel sorry; they changed their actions. How do we know when our repentance is genuine, and what does that look like in our daily life?
6. Samer explained that it was Jonah's self-righteousness that kept him at odds with God. What do you think this cost Jonah? In relationship to God? In relationship to the Ninevites? In relationship to plans God had for his life?