

1. Why do you think the book of Jonah ends so abruptly? Why don't we get a resolution to the story?
2. Jonah expresses his anger with God by discussing a theological concern. What is the theological problem that plagues Jonah? Do you think this is an issue that people still wrestle with in our day and time?
3. Is it wise to pray when we are angry? What kind of practical wisdom would you offer to a person who talks to God about their anger with Him?
4. God's appointment of the plant, the worm, and the scorching wind all seem like an object lesson. What do you think God was trying to communicate to Jonah through this sequence of events?
5. Jonah's experience of God's grace should have made him more gracious. Compare Jonah's story with Matthew 18:21–35. Does receiving mercy always make us merciful?
6. Jonah was able to love the plant, but not the people and animals of Nineveh. How does anger lead us to devalue, or dehumanize people?

Extra Credit: Does loving people and rightly recognizing their value as human beings lead us to minimize sin? How should we practically try to do justice and love mercy in actual relationship we have with others?