

Introduction

Jonah is about God's love for one individual and about God's love for the nations of the world.

Questions for discussion

- What do **you** think were Jonah's biggest problems and fears?
- What awareness of spiritual reality do you see in our secularised continent (compare chapter 1 verses 5-6)?
- The image of God is visible in the sailors (see, e.g. chapter 1 verses 13-14): what signs of the image of God do you see in your own country? Why is that helpful?
- Why did the Ninevites believe God (chapter 3 verse 5)?
- What influence did the political leader's repentance have on the situation (chapter 3 verses 6-9)?
- God gave Jonah responsibilities. What responsibilities do you think God has given to us in Europe in the early 21st century?
- What lessons do you learn from the life of Jonah?

For personal reflection

- What can we do to avoid developing a cold heart?
- How can we grow our compassion and concern for our society, and resist negativism?

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