

Jonah: God's Heart for People

God Seeks & Saves Sinners - Jonah 1:1-16

- Luke 19:10

Jonah Background

- Prophet of Israel specifically the Northern Kingdom during the time of Jeroboam 2
- National prosperity had brought about national bankruptcy spiritually, morally & ethically - 2King 14:24

God Seeks to Save the People of Ninevah - Jonah 1:2

- Ninevah was the capital of Assyria, the historical nemesis of Israel and a people and city infamous for its cruelty
- God's intention was to save them - Jonah 4:2
- This was an immensely wicked and evil people - Nahum 3:1
- Jonah didn't want to go see them get saved – Jonah 1:3
- Sometimes we run as Jonah did going in the opposite direction
- Give us a heart after yours – a heart for lost people

Jonah Still Used - Jonah 1:4-9

- divinely brought storm
- Jonah 1:5 similar to Jesus Mark 4:38
- Jonah 1:9, Prov 9:10, Rev 15:4, Rom 1:20

God Saves Sinners - Jonah 1:10-16

- Apparently, Jonah would rather die than go to Nineveh
- You are always a witness for the Lord
- Jonah 1:15-16, Mark 4:39
- Men on the ship saved
- God is Sovereign and will see His plan through
- Jonah 1:17, Matt 28:19-20