

1. Describe a time in your life when you feel your rights were violated. What made you feel that way?
  
2. Read Jonah 4:1–3. What made Jonah angry here? How does Jonah’s prayer indicate the state of his mind and heart? What is ironic about the attributes he ascribes to God and about which he is angry?
  
3. Read Jonah 4:4–5. What do you think is God’s purpose in asking the question in v4? What did Jonah do this time (v5) in response to God’s initiative?
  
4. Read Jonah 4:6–11. What is the object lesson the Lord puts in front of Jonah? How does Jonah respond? What is God trying to teach Jonah through the object lesson?
  
5. The book of Jonah ends on an abrupt, and somewhat surprising, note. Why do you think this is the case? What is the author of Jonah trying to teach his readers by ending the book in this way?
  
6. How is God calling you to respond to the message of Jonah today? Ask God for the courage and softness of heart to respond differently than Jonah. And renew your commitment to him to go wherever he calls you, even to Nineveh!