Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Jonah 4

Should We Not Be Concerned?

Background

Read Jonah chs. 1-3. In just a few sentences, describe what happens in these chapters.

Digging In

1. **Read Jonah 4:1-3.** Why was Jonah angry? What is the essence of his complaint?

2. What does v. 3 tell us about Jonah's stubbornness and hardheartedness?

3. **Read Jonah 4:4-5.** What was the Lord's first question?

4. How did Jonah answer? What was he hoping would happen?

5. **Read Jonah 4:6-9**. How is God's sovereignty seen in these verses?

6. What was the Lord's second question? What was Jonah's response?

7. **Read Jonah 4:10-11**. What comparison does the Lord make in these verses? What was the Lord's final question?

8. In what ways is Jonah like the older brother in Jesus' Parable of the Prodigal Son? (see Luke 15:11-32)

9. What was God saying to the nation of Israel through this book?

Getting Personal

- Why do you think Jonah had such a hard time accepting God's grace toward the Ninevites?

- Who would you classify as "Ninevites" today?

- Can you think of any people in Lewis County that we might be tempted to treat as Ninevites?

- What is God saying to you in this passage, especially in his final question?

- What do you think God might be saying to us as a church?