GOD’S CONCERN

Jonah 3:1–4:11

Key Verse: 4:11

1. Compare 3:1–3 with 1:1–3. What is different the second time? How is Nineveh described? When and what did Jonah proclaim? (3:4) What does “overthrown” mean? How did the Ninevites respond, and what does this show about them? (5)
2. How did the king of Nineveh react personally? (6) What did he proclaim to his people? (7,8) What are the main elements of real repentance here? What hope did the king have, and how did God respond? (9,10) What can we learn from this about God?
3. How did Jonah react, and what did he pray? (4:1–3) What did God say to him? (4) Why was Jonah so angry? What did he do, and why? (5)
4. What did God first “provide”? (6) What did he “provide” at dawn the next day? (7) Later in the day? (8a) What did Jonah say, and why? (8b) What did God ask him, how did he respond, and what does this show us? (9)
5. How did God try to help Jonah understand? (10,11) What does it mean when people “cannot tell their right hand from their left”? What can we learn here about how God sees the world today and what he still wants his servants to learn?