

# God Sees the Bigger Picture

Jonah 4:1-11

## Discussion Questions

- 1) What do we know about the Assyrian Empire? (For research: <https://www.gotquestions.org/Assyrians.html>).
- 2) What were Jonah's concerns? Why do you think he was so angry? How might we see ourselves in the person of Jonah?
- 3) Discuss your thoughts about this quote from David Guzik: "God likes to ask us questions because they reveal our hearts".
- 4) Has God ever asked you a question, through His Word or the inner voice of His Holy Spirit, to compel you to consider your own motives / actions?
- 5) What are some examples of God or Jesus asking people questions in the Bible? What do you think was the reason behind why God / Jesus asked that particular question? (For some examples of questions: Genesis 3:9-13, Matthew 20:32).
- 6) God made a plant grow to shelter Jonah, then He sent a worm to chew up the plant. Compare Jonah's response to the plant being taken away to Job's response to losing his possessions and children in Job 1. What do we learn from this?
- 7) The book of Jonah doesn't have a nice, tidy ending. It ends with questions and it leaves us with questions. What questions do you have about the ending of the book?
- 8) What are some of the main concerns that you have in your life? Where might you struggle in trusting in God's sovereignty?
- 9) Read Jeremiah 10:23-24. How does this prayer relate to the story of Jonah and the questions that arise from the book? Are you willing to pray Jeremiah's prayer for yourself?