

Bible Study Questions week starting 20 9 20

Read Jonah 3:10 - 4:11

- Do you regard Jonah as a literal historical record or a fictional story crafted to make a spiritual point?
- Share some reasons why Jonah is angry.
- The sermon argued that Jonah is portrayed as being guilty of a “monstrous religiosity, a form of theology that makes the personal convenience of the prophet of much more significance than the fate of a huge city.” Respond to this quotation.
- What does this story teach about God’s attitude to sinful foreigners?
- What does it teach us about the dangers for religious people?
- David our minister often emphasises God’s loving and forgiving nature. Do you think he overdoes it? Do you find all this talk of divine love and grace just a little bit confusing or even irritating?
- Is there any hope for unrepentant sinners who die without any expression of faith?
- What is God’s attitude to the 13,000 refugees displaced by fires in the refugee camps on Lesbos? What is our attitude?