



Big Idea: God has a passion for people.

-- Jonah cared only about HIMSELF (v. 10).

- Because he cared only about himself, he had a huge fit over a tiny thing.
- Self-absorbed people are prone to make great angst over little things (v. 9).
- Selfish pursuits make empty people.
 - Personal pride produces **ANGER** at others.
 - How do we react to people who don't know God? Are we angry, or do we long for them with Christlike pity?
 - Is there a place in me that grows angry at the idea that God could love someone quite different from me as much as He loves me?

-- God has a passion for human PASSION (v. 11).

- v. 11 - "Should not I pity Nineveh, that great city?"
 - God did not send Jonah to save Nineveh's buildings, but its people.
 - Jonah cared only for people like himself; God reveals His love for people of every tribe, tongue, and nation.
- God's passion for people is seen in His **PITY** for them (Mat. 9:36).
 - Believers should regard nonbelievers with longing and Christlike pity.
 - Christmas powerfully reveals God's passion for people (1 Tim. 1:15).
- A life that matters lives for what God loves.

-- God can use you to reach people in the CITY

- God can transform a city through a single servant who goes with His message.
- God is the God of every city everywhere.
- Partnership with an organization like CAC matters and can make a difference!