

# The Reluctant Evangelist: God's character and ours

## Jonah 4

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It is easy to have double standards. One standard for us and one for everyone else! Share an example?

*Read Jonah 3:10-4:11*

1. According to Jonah, why was he disobedient to God's initial call for him to go to Nineveh?
2. What is it that Jonah finds so scandalous about God's actions that it makes him very angry?
3. Why do you think Jonah (verse 5) waited to see what would happen to the city? See 3:4
4. What does God's response to Jonah (in verse 4, 6-9) reveal about His character?
5. What is the point that God is making through using the plant?
6. How is God heart for the lost in the book of Jonah fulfilled in the New Testament with the coming of Jesus? Read Luke 15:11-31
7. Did you notice that Jonah appears to actually want a double standard—one for himself and God's people and one for outsiders? What might be an

example of when we get angry when God acts in one way toward us and then acts in the same way toward others?

8. In what ways are we sometimes more concerned about petty things (like Jonah & the vine) than about those under God's judgement?
9. In what ways can we as Christians be like Jonah? How do such attitudes express themselves in our thinking and actions?
10. What consolation can we draw from the book of Jonah when we come up short as Jonah does?
11. How is this consolation confirmed and consolidated in the New Testament? Gives examples
12. What helps us to have more and more of God's character in our lives?

Pray that God would transform us into His likeness in all areas of our lives, particularly his great concern for lost people.

Pray for each other and lost people in your lives (maybe share someone on your *Catch the Vision Planner* list)