

Lessons from Jonah  
The World's Worst Missionary

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Adopting God's missions  
mindset rather than our own  
pursuits relieves us of an  
impoverished mindset

**A missions mindset is a way of  
life, not a vocation or job  
description**

God can't fully speak through us as long as we think we have something important to offer Him. It's only when we offer up our own empty hands that God can fill us with His Spirit to do and say what HE wants.

**Have we bought into God's quest?**

**Are we concerned about seeking HIS treasure?**

**Or are we here on earth to soak up the amenities that the Christian life offers?**

“He is no fool who gives up what  
he cannot keep in order to gain  
what he cannot lose.”

-Jim Elliot

# Home Group Questions

1. As you think about Jonah and his disobedience to God, then his obedience, and then his response to Nineveh's repentance, do you find yourself identifying with him or not? Why?

2. What does the oft repeated phrase, "And then God prepared a..." or, "And then God sent a ..." tell you about God's attitude toward Jonah. What is God up to? Can you think of an instance where God himself was orchestrating events in your life to move you in the direction He wanted you to go or to change your thinking in some way?

3. What do we learn about ourselves in Jonah's delight in the little plant that shaded him and then his ensuing anger at its destruction?

4. In light of the challenge to pray to be a bolder witness, to give generously, and to pray for our children to join him in the quest to reach the lost, what are you determined to do?