

## **Following God: A Study of Jonah – When I Grow Up**

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1. When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up? Did you ever have the feeling of not wanting to grow up?
2. Do you feel grown up yet? Have you reached the phase yet where you are taking care of others, or are you mostly still taking care of yourself? What does this have to do with being mature?
3. Read Jonah 4:1-4. Have you ever been bothered by God's compassion given to those who you feel don't deserve it? Why do we sometimes resent God's gifts to others?
4. Read verses 5-9. Do you regularly have strong surges of emotion – from glad to mad in quick succession? How does this reflect maturity?
5. Do you believe that God comforts the afflicted and afflicts the comfortable? What does this reveal about the character of his love? How have you experienced each of these?
6. Do we parent our children in a way that reflects how God parents us – removing comforts in order to learn to grow? What does this look like?
7. Read verses 10-11. What do you care deeply about? How do your emotions reflect your care? How do your daily choices reflect your care? How do your priorities reflect your care?
8. In what ways is your life oriented around your immediate comfort? What do you tend to whine and get upset about? Are your greatest concerns similar to God's greatest concerns?
9. Read Genesis 12:2-3. How is your life characterized by mission rather than just the benefit you can gain? In what ways do you need to adjust this to reflect your commitment to the mission?
10. Read John 20:21. In what ways are you behaving like a "sent" person?
11. Where are you on the spectrum of spiritual maturity – others caring for you, caring for yourself, caring for others? In what ways can you seek to grow toward the next stage?
12. In what ways can you commit to our church's mission to create campuses throughout our area? What core group could you be a part of? Are you willing at this point to do "whatever it takes" to accomplish this mission?