

**CONNECT Group study questions for April 28, 2019**  
**Title: "Defining Nineveh"**

1. How does the New Testament teach us to read the book of Jonah?

2. Peppy presented the book of Jonah as a very simple formula: 1) You are Jonah. 2) You have a Nineveh that God is calling you to. 3) God is calling you to share the gospel with your Nineveh. 4) When you don't share the gospel with your Nineveh, you are being as rebellious and as disobedient as Jonah, no matter how much of the rest of your life you are "getting right."

- Why do you think so many Christians are perfectly content to live as Jonahs?
- How do you think we got to the place where most Christians believe they can live a successful Christian life and never share their faith or obey the Great Commission?

3. When we read the opening lines of Jonah 1, we are immediately faced with the blatant disobedience of Jonah. Many of us may know the whole story, but consider the story for a moment as a person who is reading this for the first time.

- What reasons might Jonah have for being willfully disobedient?
- He obviously knows God. He knew who was talking to him. He was asked to preach against *their wickedness*. But Jonah disobeys anyway. Is he crazy?
- When God directs us to do something, what reasons for disobedience do we come up with? What sort of directions from God are the toughest to obey?
- Most of us know God, the full story of Jonah, and other accounts of God's handling of disobedience, and yet we disobey anyway. Are we crazy?