

## **Next Steps:**

We all can relate to Jonah on some level. God has asked all of us to do things... say things... believe things. When we don't like these things we tend to: Ignore God's instruction... or Reinterpret God's word... or Run from God's will.

But then we are confronted with the revealed Character of God in Jonah 4:2. We can't ignore or reinterpret or run from these character qualities. What are God's personality traits listed in this verse?

Compare these 5 character traits with these other Old Testament passages. Is there a consistent theme?

Exodus 34:6-7

Numbers 14:18

Nehemiah 9:17

Psalms 86:15, 103:8 & 145:8

Joel 2:13

Read through the first 3 chapters of Jonah. How has Jonah personally experienced each of God's character qualities?

Think back over your own life. It is one thing to abstractly think about God's character qualities. What are some personal examples of how God revealed these character traits in your life?

Think about other people who have not experienced God in this way? Who are your friends that would benefit from having a personal relationship with God? Who are your enemies that are also desperate for this relationship? What can you do to bring these people one step closer to the God you love?

**Next Week:** We will be taking a look at Matthew 20:29-34 as an example of one way Jesus showed His compassionate care.