

# God's Heart for the World

The book of Jonah

## Introductory thoughts:

- the historical authenticity of the book of Jonah - Matt. 12:38-41
- whom the Lord loves He chastens - Hebrews 12:5-13

## I. **Jonah's disobedience 1:1-17**

- A. The command to go to Nineveh vv. 1-2
- B. The refusal to go to Nineveh v. 3
- C. The results of refusing to obey vv. 4-17

## II. **Jonah's repentance 2:1-10**

- A. The specifics of Jonah's prayer vv. 1-9
- B. The answer to Jonah's prayer v. 10

## III. **Jonah's preaching 3:1-10**

- A. The second command to go to Nineveh vv. 1-2
- B. The obedience of Jonah vv. 3-4
- C. The results of Jonah's preaching vv. 5-10

## IV. **Jonah's lesson 4:1-11**

- A. Jonah's bad attitude vv. 1-3
- B. God's object lesson to Jonah vv. 4-11

## Concluding applications:

1. We need to deal with wrongs in our character
2. Ministry is one of the best ways to refine our character
3. God loves the world - John 3:16
4. You can't succeed in running away from God