

Sunday, August 9

Jonah 4
“Do You Do Well
To Be Angry?”

Questions God Asks

To read before class: Jonah 4

How does **Jonah 4** fit into the larger story of Jonah and the Old Testament? Big-picture-wise, what’s going on?

Why would anyone ever complain about God being “gracious” and “merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster” (4:2)? How would you describe in your own words what seems to be going through Jonah’s mind?

In 4:4, the LORD asks Jonah a simple question: “Do you do well to be angry?” In fact, the LORD asks the much the same question again in 4:9. Why? Why would an all-knowing God ask a question like that?

- ❖ What does this interaction tell us about God?
- ❖ What does this interaction tell us about Jonah?
- ❖ Most close to home, what impression should this interaction between Jonah and the LORD make on us?