

Jonah 1.

The message from the book of Jonah centres on the character of Jonah, and tonight's sermon will aim to see how God's gracious and compassionate nature unfolded in His dealing with Jonah.

1. The gracious plan of God to save Nineveh, and Jonah's disobedience.
 - a. The nature of God's call.
 - b. Jonah's rejection and the reason.
 - c. Jonah's rejection is further stressed through his stubbornness.

2. Even Jonah's disobedience was part of God's sovereign plan
 - a. Jonah's disobedience leads to testify about God's greatness to the gentile sailors.
 - b. Jonah's disobedience leads to reveal God's compassion and mercy.

3. Applications:
 - a. Understanding God's mercy and compassion, revealed in God's sovereign plan, would help us to have a sure ground of assurance.
 - b. This would also humble our heart and help us to be gracious and merciful to others.