



JONAH

seeing God's mercy

LifeGroup Resource



LifeGroups

We believe

life change

happens best

in circles, not

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Non Negotiables for LifeGroups

1. The Bible is your primary source
2. It is a discussion, not a sermon
3. Life Change happens in LifeGroups

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AND IN VARIOUS HOMES, THEY
CONTINUED TEACHING AND
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NEWS THAT JESUS IS THE
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ACTS 5:42

Jonah 1:1-17

God's Patience with Jonah

Jonah tries to run from God's command (1:1-3). Have you ever felt God calling you to do something difficult? How did you respond?

Jonah boards a ship to flee from God's presence (1:3). What are some "ships" people use today to try to escape God's will?

God sends a great storm to get Jonah's attention (1:4). Has there ever been a time when God used a difficult situation to redirect you? How did you respond?

While the storm rages, Jonah is asleep below deck (1:5). Are there any areas in your life where you have become spiritually numb or indifferent to God's voice?

The sailors, who don't know God, cry out in desperation (1:5-6). How can difficult circumstances open doors for people to seek God? Have you seen this in your life or others'?

The sailors cast lots, and Jonah is identified as the cause of the storm (1:7). How do our personal choices sometimes bring unintended consequences to others around us?

Jonah acknowledges that he is running from God (1:9-10). Why is it sometimes so hard to admit when we are resisting God's direction?

Jonah tells the sailors to throw him into the sea (1:12). Do you think this was an act of repentance, or was Jonah still trying to escape responsibility? Why?

Even though Jonah disobeyed, God still used his situation to reveal Himself to the sailors (1:14-16). How has God used difficult or unexpected situations in your life for His glory?

God provides a great fish to swallow Jonah (1:17). How does this show both God's discipline and His mercy? Have you experienced a moment when God's correction led to His grace?

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Jonah 2:1-10

God's Mercy toward Jonah

Jonah prays to God from inside the fish (2:1). Have you ever found yourself crying out to God in a desperate situation? How did it change your perspective?

Jonah acknowledges that God heard him even from the depths (2:2). How does this encourage you when you feel distant from God?

Jonah describes feeling cast away and overwhelmed by the sea (2:3-5). What are some situations in life that can make us feel spiritually or emotionally overwhelmed?

In verse 6, Jonah says, "But you, Lord my God, brought my life up from the pit." Have you experienced a time when God rescued you from a difficult place? What did you learn?

Jonah remembers the Lord when he feels his life slipping away (2:7). Why do people often wait until they are desperate before turning back to God? How can we seek Him daily instead?

Jonah contrasts worshiping false idols with trusting in God's love (2:8). What are some "idols" people cling to today instead of relying on God?

In verse 9, Jonah declares, "Salvation comes from the Lord." How does this truth shape the way you view your own need for God's grace?

Jonah commits to offering sacrifices and fulfilling his vows to God (2:9). Have you ever made a commitment to God in a difficult moment? How did it impact your faith?

God commands the fish to spit Jonah onto dry land (2:10). What does this teach us about God's power and His willingness to give us a second chance?

Looking at Jonah's prayer, how can it serve as a model for how we should respond to God in times of trouble? What elements of his prayer can you apply to your own prayer life?

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Jonah 3:1-10

God's Power through Jonah

God gives Jonah a second chance to deliver His message to Nineveh (3:1-2). How have you experienced God's grace and second chances in your life? What does this teach you about God's patience?

Jonah's message to Nineveh is simple but powerful: "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overturned" (3:4). How can a clear, straightforward message be effective in calling people to repentance?

The people of Nineveh believe Jonah's warning and immediately repent (3:5). What does true repentance look like, and how can you tell when someone has genuinely turned from sin?

The king of Nineveh issues a decree for the entire city to fast and turn from their evil ways (3:6-9). How can we, as individuals and communities, respond to God's call for repentance in a similar way today?

The king's command shows a collective response to God's message. How can we encourage corporate repentance in our churches, families, or workplaces?

The Ninevites' repentance causes God to show mercy and spare the city (3:10). How does this story show the power of God's mercy and the importance of repentance?

Verse 9 highlights that God may relent from sending judgment if people genuinely repent. How does this affect your understanding of God's justice and mercy?

The people of Nineveh had been living in wickedness, yet they responded to God's warning. What does this say about the accessibility of God's grace, even to those who have lived in sin?

When we repent and turn back to God, what are some ways our actions should reflect that change (as seen with the Ninevites' fasting and repentance)?

Jonah's mission results in a citywide transformation. How can we, as Christians, take responsibility for sharing God's message of repentance and hope in our communities today?

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Jonah 4:1-11

Jonah's Anger

Jonah is displeased when God shows mercy to Nineveh (4:1-2). Why do you think Jonah was so upset by God's mercy toward the people he despised? Have you ever struggled with God's grace toward someone you feel doesn't deserve it?

Jonah prays to God, asking for his life to be taken (4:3). Why do you think Jonah felt so strongly about his mission's outcome, and how does this reveal his heart?

God asks Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry?" (4:4). How does this question challenge your own attitudes when things don't go the way you expect or desire?

Jonah waits outside the city, hoping it will be destroyed (4:5). Why do you think Jonah was still hoping for Nineveh's destruction, even after the city repented? What does this say about his attitude toward God's plans?

God provides a plant to give Jonah shade, then takes it away (4:6-7). How does this situation reveal Jonah's priorities and his lack of compassion for the people of Nineveh?

Jonah becomes angry about the loss of the plant (4:9). How does this demonstrate the difference between his concern for his own comfort versus God's concern for the people of Nineveh?

God uses the plant to teach Jonah about compassion (4:10-11). How can we learn to value what God values, and how might that change our responses to people who are different from us?

God expresses His heart for the people of Nineveh, who do not know their right hand from their left (4:11). What does this teach us about how God views those who are lost and in need of His grace?

How can you grow in your compassion for others, especially those who are hard to love or who don't share your values? What does this look like in your everyday interactions?

Jonah ends with God's question about compassion and mercy. How do you respond to God's question in your own life: Do you care for those who are lost or in need of His grace, as He does?

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