

JONAH



LIFE GROUP SESSION 5: JONAH 3:1-5

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Jonah Goes to Nineveh

JONAH 3:1-5

¹ Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time:

² “Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.”

³ Jonah obeyed the word of the Lord and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it.

⁴ Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown.”

⁵ The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

PLAY SESSION 5 VIDEO DEVOTIONAL

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GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What insights did you gain from this week's video?
2. The Ninevites were more responsive to God than Jonah, the prophet of God. Have you ever had a similar experience, when an unbeliever showed more love and compassion than you did?
3. Why do you think religious people can sometimes lack compassion?
4. How can understanding someone's story change your perspective of them?
5. What stirs up compassion in your heart and compels you to want to make a difference?
6. Some Christians grow sweeter with age, while others seem to get crankier. Why do you think that is?
7. How does your relationship with God change through different seasons of life?
8. What's one thing you could do to grow your compassion for others?

End in prayer

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LIFE GROUP SESSION 6: JONAH 3:6-10

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JONAH 3:6-10

⁶ When Jonah's warning reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust.

⁷ This is the proclamation he issued in Nineveh: "By the decree of the king and his nobles: Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink.

⁸ But let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence.

⁹ Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish."

¹⁰ When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

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GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What insights did you gain from this week's video?
2. Throughout your relationship with God, have you had the tendency to be compliant or more like a strong-willed child?
3. Why do you think some people don't consider the consequences of sin before they act?
4. Why do some people respond to God's commands with repentance and others with rebellion?
5. How does God typically get your attention when you're in need of a course correction?

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6. What are areas that people tend to have a difficult time turning over to God?
7. How can you tell if someone is sorry, or sorry they got caught?
8. What does it look like for you to be "all in" in your Christian walk?

End in prayer

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LIFE GROUP SESSION 7: JONAH 4:1-4

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Jonah's Anger at the Lord's Compassion

JONAH 4:1-4

¹ But to Jonah this seemed very wrong, and he became angry.

² He prayed to the Lord, "Isn't this what I said, Lord, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity.

³ Now, Lord, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live."

⁴ But the Lord replied, "Is it right for you to be angry?"

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GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What insights did you gain from this week's video?
2. To what type of people do you find it most difficult to extend compassion?
3. In what ways can pride be a barrier towards showing compassion?
4. When is a time you were thankful you didn't get what you deserved?
5. Steve Arterburn has said that justifiable resentment is incredibly dangerous. What are some things that could happen in a person's life that could make bitterness and resentment seem justified?

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6. How could being in relationship with people who are difficult to love, help you to see them the way God does? Have you ever experienced this?
7. What can we learn about the character of God in the way he responds to the Ninevites and to Jonah?

End in prayer