

Sermon Discussion Guide

God in Pursuit: Week 3

Prayer

Take a few moments at the beginning and end of your group time to pray for each other and for your discussion in God's Word.

Read

Jonah 3

Main Ideas

In this passage, Jonah obeys God by going to Nineveh, preaching a message of judgment against them. Nineveh repents of their sin, responding with fasting and mourning in hope that God would show mercy. The chapter ends with God relenting because of their act of genuine repentance.

Icebreaker Question

- Is there a part of the country (or world) that you would never want to live in?

Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think God insisted on sending Jonah to Nineveh, when He could have used a different prophet?
2. In v. 1, we see God showing up in Jonah's life "a second time".
 - a. How have you seen God give you a second chance?
 - b. According to Jonah, what should our response be to God's second chances?
 - c. Is there something God has called you to that you need to obey?
3. Is there anyone that you are tempted to consider "less deserving" of God's grace, mercy, or forgiveness?
 - a. What does Jonah's story teach us about that kind of attitude?
4. What does the Ninevites' response teach us about repentance? How would you define what it means to repent?
5. Some have described Jesus as "the better Jonah". What similarities do you see between the two, and how does Jesus succeed where Jonah does not?
 - a. As a group, read Matt. 12:38-41. How does Jesus compare Himself to Jonah?