

GATHERING INSIGHTS

SERIES: **The Book of Jonah**

TITLE: **The Sulking Prophet**

BIG IDEA: Jonah, the sulking prophet, didn't understand that the grace God offers isn't a cheap grace but a scandalous grace that reveals his mercy and love.

BIBLE DISCUSSION

Read Jonah 3:9

What does the King of Nineveh's proclamation and

desire for repentance teach you about the process of repentance?

Why is the King's response of "Who Knows?" if God will relent such a powerful statement? How does that impact our repentance and prayer life?

Read Jonah 3:10

What does the statement "God saw what they did" reveal to you about the character of God and the way that He interacts with his Creator world?

What does God's "relenting" of the judgement he planned for the Ninevites teach us about grace?

Read Jonah 4:1-4

Do you think Jonah was just in his anger towards God? Do you understand his frustration with how God responded?

Why does Jonah struggle so much with God's mercy, compassion and grace? How does this struggle still show up in the church of American in 2026?

Jonah tells God that since he won't kill the Ninevites to kill him. Why do you think he would rather die than to see the mercy of God poured out on the Ninevites?

How does the story of Jonah begin to challenge you in your reflection of Jesus and those you show grace to?

How do you see the same love of God for those in Nineveh as the love mentioned in John 3:16 of sending Jesus? How do we make sure that we share that same love God has for us with those, who like the Ninevites, maybe far from God?

Do you think that if Jonah had others around him in community, that he would have responded in such a dramatic way?

Jonah drew a line between us and them. How do we ensure that we as a church family don't do the same thing to those inside the church and those outside the church?

When people hear about the story of Jonah they think about a disobedient prophet. How do you see this story more about a grace filled God, than a disobedient prophet?

How does God's decision to relent his judgement on those who repent from their sin impact the way that you share the Gospel and those who need to hear the Gospel?

GROWING IN CHRIST

LIVING AS A FAMILY

SHARING THE GOSPEL