

Jonah Part 2 - Discussion Questions:

What are some of the “author moments” where we see God sovereignly at work from chapter’s 1 and 2?

What are some “author moments” where you see God sovereignly at work in your life, either right now or when you look back?

If you were alive in Jonah’s day and you were his Hebrew friend, and he told you about God’s message and plan, and then told you about his plan to run to Tarshish, what would you say to him? How would you counsel him, knowing that to disobey and run from God is unwise, but to go to the Ninevites is either certain death or possibly offering them God’s grace?

God’s grace and mercy and love and salvation are extreme and generous and wide. Are you willing to accept this as His character? Are you willing to accept that God’s mission is extreme, his grace is extreme and much wider than your grace, and may extend to people you are not comfortable with? Are you willing to join him on that mission or will you like Jonah hold that grace and mercy to yourself at all costs?

Who do you struggle with because, in your opinion, their lifestyle is too extreme to be reconciled to God? Is there an element of your life or your past that you believe is too extreme for God?

Grace and mercy was never supposed to stop with us. It is supposed to extend through us to others, not create insiders and outsiders or “us vs them”. Do you believe that God’s grace and mercy coming to you is meant for you to be an extension of His grace and mercy?

What does it look like practically to be an extension of God’s extreme grace and mercy?

Who might God be calling you to show His extreme grace and mercy to this week? How will you obey?