

### **Jonah Part 1 - Discussion Questions:**

What were your thoughts, ideas, and understanding of the book of Jonah before this message? Did this message change you thinking or understanding in any way? If so, how?

We talked about how God is on an eternal mission (Eph 3:11) to reconcile all things to Himself through the Person and work of His Son Jesus Christ (Col 1:20) so one day there will be worshipers from everywhere gathered around the throne of Jesus (Rev. 7:9). The Old Testament is primarily about God reconciling His chosen people, Israel. But we have stories like the book of Jonah of God reconciling gentiles. What are some other examples from the Bible of God's eternal mission extending to the Gentiles?

Should the fact that God is on an eternal mission to reconcile worshipers from everywhere have any affect on how we should live? If not, why not? If yes, why? What should that look like or affect?

Who are some biblical characters who were the recipients of God's extreme grace, love and forgiveness?

How have you seen God's extreme love and grace and forgiveness in your life? Name a friend, family member, acquaintance or famous person who has been the recipient of God's extreme grace, love and forgiveness?

If you were honest, what people group do you find it most difficult to imagine benefiting from God's extreme love and forgiveness? It could be a certain religious group, political group, race or ethnicity, sexuality, military, or other.

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?