

# LIFE GROUPS

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When have you been given a second chance (from a parent, coach, teacher, boss or God)? How did you respond differently to the second opportunity you were given?
2. Read Jonah 3:1-2. Why did God have to tell Jonah AGAIN what to do? Does the Lord have to tell you multiple times what he wants you to do?
3. How does this mercy - not getting the punishment one deserves - Jonah received reflect the mercy offered to the people of Nineveh?
4. Read Jonah 3:3-4. What do you sense was the Lord's motivation in sending Jonah to the people of Nineveh?
5. Jonah's proclamation (v. 4) to the Ninevites was only five Hebrew words. Why do you think the message was so succinct? How is God's call to us simple and straight-forward (see Matthew 28:18-20)?
6. How would people in our world today respond to such a warning from a prophet of God?
7. Read Revelation 22:12-17. How can a Christian effectively proclaim Christ's warning in this passage to those in his or her world today?
8. Read Jonah 3:5-9. What was the response of the people of Nineveh to God's warning to them through Jonah? What would the response look like today if our city (state or nation) repented?
9. What should our response be to the warnings of Scripture? How do we Christians today avoid some of the strong warnings in the Bible?
10. Read Jonah 3:10. What was God's response to the people of Nineveh? How radical was God's grace (free gift) toward the Ninevites? How does this level of grace reflect what Jesus has provided for you (see John 3:16-17)?
11. To what degree do you believe God will work in the lives of others if you were to invite them to church, share something special God did for you, tell them how you came to Christ, or share the gospel with them? Will you invest in someone for the sake of Christ this week?



### Jonah: Compassion

Jonah 3

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