

LIFE GROUPS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Who in your life has encouraged you when you “succeeded” even beyond them? How did that make you feel?
2. Why do we tend to want justice for those who hurt us, yet we desire forgiveness when we hurt others?
3. Read Jonah 3:10 and 4:1-3. To what degree did Jonah NOT want the Ninevites to receive God’s mercy?
4. What did God’s mercy given to the Ninevites have to do with Jonah wanting to die? How would you respond to Jonah if you were his friend in his day?
5. Read Exodus 34:5-8. What do these verses teach us about the heart of God? Contrast Moses’ response to God’s mercy for this Israelites with that of Jonah’s when God was merciful to the Ninevites?
6. Read Jonah 4:4-6. Do you think Jonah’s anger was justified? Why or why not?
7. When have you been upset because God allowed someone to succeed (or not pay a price for sin) who you thought did not deserve it?
8. How did God bless Jonah in spite of Jonah’s self-righteous spirit? When have you experienced God’s blessing even after you had an ungodly attitude?
9. Read Jonah 4:7-8. Why would God “provide” a storm (Jonah 1:4), a huge fish (Jonah 1:17), a worm (Jonah 4:7) and a scorching heat (Jonah 4:8) for Jonah? Why does God “provide” challenges for us?
10. Read Jonah 4:9-11. What was God’s response to Jonah? What do these verses teach us about God’s desire that our attitudes should be toward others?
11. Read Romans 5:8. How does our compassion for others, in spite of how they have hurt us, compare to Jesus’ compassion for us?
12. To whom do you need to extend compassion to this week?



Jonah: Compassion-less

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