



## Study Guide

### Come Alive – Part 8

### U-TURN

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

Before you buy into the idea that God is inflexible, always waiting to punish, be sure to stop by the book of Jonah and be surprised by a God you never knew. He loves imperfect people, showing mercy, and YOU. He is the God of the U-Turn.

#### **SCRIPTURES:**

Jonah 1-3, NLT

Matthew 12:40, NLT

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

1. In what ways does the book of Jonah serve as a metaphor for God's Grace and New Testament salvation?
2. Jonah was running in the wrong direction, away from God's instruction. He found himself in a "self-inflicted" storm. Have you experienced a storm that was caused by your disobedience and how did you respond?
3. How do you explain the fact that the God who brings judgement is also the God of mercy?
4. Jonah found it hard to believe that the same God who forgave him was willing to forgive the people of Nineveh. In what area of your life have you experienced God's amazing grace and struggled to forgive someone?
5. When the people of Nineveh turned in repentance, God turned away from his judgment. In what area of your life is God challenging you to turn so he can bless you?

#### **Moving Forward:**

The Big Fish Story

1. Running from God
2. Running To God
3. Running with God

#### **Changing Your Mind:**

And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not.

(Jonah 3:1-10, KJV).

and condemn it, for they repented of their sins at the preaching of Jonah.  
Now someone greater than Jonah is here—but you refuse to repent.  
(Matthew 12:41, NLT)