



Small Group Discussion Notes

Repentance & Grace

Jonah 3:6-10

The Book of Jonah · Week 5

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Warm Up

Which do you think is harder, asking for forgiveness or forgiving someone else?

Digging Deeper

Read Jonah 3 (the entire chapter)

Reflect on the entirety of this chapter and share your impressions of Jonah's encounter with the Ninevites and their response to the message he brings.

In verse six, the king of Nineveh engages in physical acts of repentance and mourning. Do we have comparable actions today? If so, what might those be? If not, why do you think we no longer have such expressions of repentance/mourning?

What stands out to you in the proclamation given by the king?

When God sees the Ninevites repent, he offers grace to them rather than the punishment they were due. How do you feel about this? Is this fair? Is it okay if it's not fair?

Next Steps

Sometimes God works through people to bring about change...at times, very unexpected change. How do you feel about this?

Are you comfortable being used by God to bring about change in the lives of others? Are you comfortable with this when the change God wants to bring about is in the life of a person or group that you are not fond of?

What could you do, to make yourself more available or open, to being used by God in the lives of others?

Share a contemporary example of a time when you observed/or heard about God extending grace to someone in an unexpected way.

Read Luke 5:31

How does this verse about why Jesus came, influence your perspective on unexpected transformation taking place in people's lives?

Final Thoughts

Take time as a group to pray for God to work in and through your group to bring about transformation in the lives of others, and a willingness to engage in that work.

AND/OR

Take time as a group to thank God for the gracious forgiveness offered to us when we turn to him in repentance.