

JONAH

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1. Have you ever wondered if God has given up on you?

- What experiences, mistakes, or circumstances have shaped your understanding of how God sees you?
- When you think about God's character, what qualities come to mind first? Where did those impressions originate?
- What might change in your relationship with God if you truly believed that your failures do not place you beyond his mercy?

2. In what ways might we, like the Ninevites, be participating in a culture of evil or violence?

- Imagine hearing Jonah's warning directed toward a community, nation, political party, or social group with which you identify. What would your immediate reaction be? Why?
 - What beliefs, behaviors, or attitudes within the communities you belong to might be difficult for you to question?
- How can we recognize when loyalty to a group, tradition, or ideology prevents us from hearing God's correction?

3. How has God already demonstrated his compassion and mercy towards you?

- Looking back on your life, where can you recognize God's patience, forgiveness, or faithfulness?
- Are there people that it is hard to imagine being worthy of God's mercy? What makes it difficult?
- How can your attitude or posture towards someone change if you acknowledge that God isn't done with them yet?

4. If you could begin a new chapter with God this week, what would you want to change?

- What is something you may need to let go of? (A habit, attitude, resentment, priority)
- What is something that God may be calling you to practice or embrace more intentionally?
- What is one meaningful step you could take towards God this week?
- How would that step change your relationships?
 - With God?
 - With the Church?
 - With the World?