



JONAH

BENEATH THE SURFACE

THE COMPASSION OF GOD

February 28, 2021 - Discussion Guide

WORSHIP

Read Matthew 20:30-34 aloud. Take a moment to reflect on God's Word and center in Him.

FELLOWSHIP

What was the strongest emotion you experienced in the last week?

DISCUSSION

Watch this [sermon overview video](#) to refresh your group on this week's message. Then discuss the questions below.

1. Read Jonah 3:10-4:11.

How does Jonah respond to Ninevah's repentance? Why?

Compare God's and Jonah's concerns in verses 10-11.

2. When have you been overly concerned about the wrong thing?
How did God reorder your priorities?

3. How would you define compassion?

4. Frederick Buechner suggests that "The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet."¹

Who do you feel compassion toward, or what makes you aware of "the world's deep hunger"?

How might that relate to God's compassion and His invitation to you?

5. Pastor Anson described Jonah as an historical parable designed to teach us about God's compassion.

Where do you see compassion in this book?

What might keep you from being compassionate?

When have you experienced God's compassion?

6. What is one thing you want to remember from this sermon series on Jonah? Is there something God is calling you to do this week in response to its message?

PRAYER

Ask for prayer requests; try to remember any needs that came up during the fellowship or discussion time. Check in on requests from last week, if you can. Does anyone have a practical need that another group member may be able to help with?

Pray for group, church, and community needs.