

The Lord Saves

Scripture: Jonah 3:1–10

Series: **Mercy and Justice: A Study in the Book of Jonah**

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Overview

Whether the world sees us as great or small, all are humbled before the mercy of God.

Discussion Questions

1. In verses one and two, how does God display his faithfulness? [see 2 Corinthians 5:18–19 referenced here regarding reconciliation] What do we learn about His character? About His relationship with us?
2. Has Jonah experienced a heart change? Remember Jim's example of the kid jumping in the back seat of the car—*"I may be sitting still on the outside, but I am jumping on the inside!"*
3. What are the two kinds of repentance? Can you think of examples of each from your own life?
4. How do the Ninevites respond to Jonah's proclamation of judgment? What did we learn about Assyria's and Nineveh's history that lends to an understanding of their treachery? Have you ever received a clear teaching from God's word and yet still somehow justified your own sin?
5. Read Isaiah 58:4–7. What are the two reasons for fasting given in verses six and seven? What are some of the reasons that we would fast?
6. Discuss the "who knows?" Statement from verse nine. What makes their repentance so interesting in light of the proclamation of judgment given by Jonah in verse three? [there is only a judgment in the proclamation—there is no call to repentance]