

JONAH:
"IS GOD TOO MERCIFUL?"

**An interactive Bible study for
individuals, families,
and LIFE Groups**



Life Groups

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"Imperfect Repentance"

Jonah 2

We continue this week with our study of the Old Testament book of Jonah entitled "Is God Too Merciful?" Each week this discussion guide will help you reflect upon the Sunday sermon and apply its content to your life. If you miss a sermon, you can always listen to it online at www.upc-orlando.com.

LISTEN

Record your insights and observations from this week's sermon:

SHARE

In Jonah 2, the prophet Jonah prays to God out of his despair and God answers him. Have you ever prayed from desperation and experienced God's answer to your prayer? What happened?

REFLECT

a) Review Jonah 2. What phrases and metaphors does Jonah use to describe his despair?

b) Where do you see Jonah's self-righteousness coming out in his prayer?

c) What phrases and metaphors does Jonah use to describe his hope in God?

d) Jonah was in dire circumstances, swallowed up in the belly of a big fish, because of his sin. Do you think Jonah deserved this punishment? Why or why not?

e) God shows Jonah mercy. In light of what happened in Chapter One do you think Jonah deserved God's mercy? Why or why not?

APPLY

- a) God often uses us to further His kingdom despite our sinfulness. How does this thought comfort you? Challenge you?

- b) Can you think of an instance when God used you in spite of your unworthiness? Describe.

- c) If you could have God answer just one prayer request, what would it be? Go ahead and write out your prayer here:

- d) Like Jonah, sometimes we only "remember God" and pray to him when our circumstances are grim. Write a list of ten things you are thankful for that God has provided. If you are in a LIFE Group, go around the room and let each group member share one or two.
