

JONAH:
"IS GOD TOO MERCIFUL?"

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



Life Groups

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"Extreme City Makeover"
Jonah 3

Here at UPC we are engaged in a four-part 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

a) What troubling situation in the world would you most like to see changed?

b) Do you believe that situation CAN change? Why or why not?

REFLECT

a) Review Jonah 3. Why, when given a second chance to go to Nineveh, did Jonah obey God?

b) What facts do you remember about the city of Nineveh that make it a most unlikely place for reformation to occur?

c) What was the thrust of Jonah's message to the Ninevites? (vs. 4)

d) Why did the Ninevites fast and put on sackcloth? (vss. 5-8)

e) Read Jeremiah 18:7-8. What do those verses reveal about the character of God? How do they shed light on what happens in Jonah 3?

APPLY

- a) It is likely that Jonah’s message to Nineveh consisted of more than just the words recorded in Jonah 3:4. From what you have learned already in the book of Jonah, what else might the prophet have said to the Ninevites?

- b) Do you think the repentance of Nineveh and her king was genuine, or was it just the knee-jerk reaction of a city with a guilty conscience to a “fire and brimstone” sermon? Defend your answer.

- c) The people of Nineveh fasted and put on sackcloth to show their sorrow for sin. Do you think those are culturally-relevant displays of repenting today? If not, what might people in our culture do to show repentance?

- d) Read James 4:8-10. Is God calling you to repent of a particular sin in your life? What will repentance look like for you?

- e) What do you find encouraging in Jonah 3?
