

# Home Group Discussion Guide for Jonah 3: Dysfunctional Messengers – Apply Within

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*The following questions are designed to help groups explore the message above by challenging participants to consider how God is wanting them to apply it to their lives.*

*The questions are a **guide** to help lead discussion.*

**Please don't feel that all questions need to be asked**, instead respond to the needs of your group.

*If you have new people in your group, take the opportunity to introduce each other and clarify any expectations that are present in your group (such as confidentiality).*

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## GETTING STARTED

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1. How would you answer the following questions in a single sentence each question?
  - a. Who is God?
  - b. What is He like?
2. What was the main challenge or idea that stood out to you from the discussion on Sunday?

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## REFLECTING ON THE MESSAGE

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Key Scriptures: *Jonah 3; Matthew 9:13; 2 Peter 3:9; 2 Corinthians 4:6-9*

1. Take the opportunity to read Jonah chapter 3.
  - a. What do we learn about God and What He is like?
2. What does it mean that *God desires Mercy, not Sacrifice*?
  - a. Does understanding God's mercy in this way change the way we are to live / interact with the world? How?
3. In Jonah 3:4 we are told *Jonah began by going only part way into the city...* and somehow the King heard the message and repented. What does this teach us about God and His character?
  - a. How does this provide hope for us today?  
*(Read 2 Corinthians 4:6-9)*
4. Jonah is just one example of a dysfunctional messenger that God chooses to use. How do Paul's words in 2 Corinthians relate to this idea?
  - a. What is the hope that gives for us?

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## RESPONDING TO THE MESSAGE

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1. What is God inviting you into from this message? What will you do about it?
  - a. To be reminded of His mercy for all people.
  - b. To begin something even when the whole is overwhelming.
  - c. To be reminded of the hope of God not requiring us to be perfect to be used.
2. How can your group support you in this?

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## OPPORTUNITY FOR PRAYER

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Our Home Groups are the primary place for pastoral care to occur within the Church. We would encourage you to take the opportunity to pray for each other in this space.

