

FBC Groups Ministry Discussion Guide

The “I Am Jonah” Series

Part Five Finale: Sharing the Same Heartbeat of God

Jonah 4:1–11

What does saying “yes” to God mean to you? The story of Jonah helps us answer that question with greater meaning beyond the big ship, the big storm, and the big fish. Knowing God is more than being saved by God. Although personal faith in Jesus is how we experience salvation, it also brings us into a relationship in which we discover true identity, opportunity, and purpose. Consider those greater things from God as our journey in Jonah concludes. Read Jonah 4:1–11.

Jonah was obedient to go to Nineveh and share the message that God had given to him. But when the people responded with repentance and Jonah anticipated God forgiving them, we discover that Jonah did not want those people to be saved. He had gone through the motions with his ministry, but his heart was not in it. There on the hillside, his bad attitude and need for a heart adjustment were clearly revealed. Jonah’s experience is an opportunity for God to examine the condition of our hearts. You discover that your heart is not aligned with God’s when...

1. You are being selfish with the grace of God
2. You are taking for granted the grace of God
3. You are forgetting your place in the grace of God

Questions for Group Discussion:

1. Describe Jonah’s reaction when he anticipated God saving Nineveh.
2. Jonah had gone through the motions of ministry. Does that still happen today?
3. How would you describe the mission of God and how that reveals His heart?
4. What does it mean to be selfish with God’s grace? What are some examples?
5. Describe how Jonah took God’s grace for granted. Have you ever done that?
6. What does Jonah’s experience reveal about your own heart right now?
7. Consider that God has saved you to be part of His mission. What could that be?
8. How would you answer that final question in verse 11? Discuss as a group.

Final Thoughts and Closing Prayer:

What will you do to allow God to bring your heart in alignment with His?

How will this study bring you closer to Jesus and how will you help others?