

# JONAH'S 2ND CHANCE, & YOURS

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JONAH 3-4

## MAIN TAKEAWAY

The ultimate story of Jonah is of the great God who showed great love. God used a flawed man to bring a revival, showing how God gives second chances.

## INTRODUCTION

As your group time begins, use this section to introduce the topic of discussion.

**While many know about Jonah and the whale, what about Jonah and the worm? Through God's appointment of both the whale and the worm (Jonah 1:17; 4:6-8), how is God revealed to be a God of second chances?**

## UNDERSTANDING

Unpack the biblical text to discover what the Scripture says or means about a particular topic.

### HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ JONAH 3:1-4

***Jonah had a great message—an unapologetic biblical directive from God. What is our message (1 Corinthians 15:1-4)? How is this clear, definitive, and authoritative?***

***Why is it essential to communicate both God's love and judgment (John 3:16; Romans 6:23)? What may happen if only one is emphasized?***

***There is explosive power in the message of the gospel (Romans 1:16). Our job is to deliver it and let God work. The power is in the *message*, not the *messenger*. Why is this an important distinction?***

***Jonah delivered the message with urgency. Why is it important to emphasize the urgency of God's message, both in sharing the message and in people responding?***

### HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ JONAH 3:5-10

***There was a great response.*** The greatest revival in the history of the world came to Nineveh because Jonah preached the message they needed to hear, not what the people wanted to hear. How did Jonah's message convey hope?

**The response was a stunning spiritual awakening—an entire city turning to God! Why might we limit what God might do? How does this story stir your heart for revival?**

**Pastor Greg explained, “Nothing happens *through* you until it has happened to you.” How did Jonah experience a personal revival? How does this principle apply to you?**

## **HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ JONAH 4:1-11**

***After the great message and response, there was a great conflict.*** Why did Jonah become angry? How did he miss the miracle?

**Sometimes people may wonder why a good God allows bad things, but Jonah wondered why a good God allows good things, especially for bad people. How does Jonah's reaction provide perspective on how to view God's Word and work for others?**

**Pastor Greg explained how “seasoned saints” must guard against becoming stalled or stagnated. How does the work of evangelism and the conversion of new believers help mature believers stay focused on what matters most?**

## **APPLICATION**

Help your group identify how the truths from the Scripture passage apply directly to their lives.

**Jonah was the right man at the right place and time, yet it happened through the most unusual circumstances. In what situation or circumstance has God uniquely placed you to share your faith?**

**Pastor Greg asked, “If God would open the window of Heaven for a brief glimpse, how would we change? If He would open the window of Hell for a brief glimpse, how would we change even more?” How does an eternal perspective impact your evangelism?**

## **PRAYER**

God cares about lost people, and so should we. Pastor Greg challenged us to write down three people to pray for and to invite to the Harvest Crusade. Read Matthew 9:37-38, share the names you listed, and pray for the Harvest Crusade!