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SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Jonah, Jesus, and the Belly of the Whale • Pastor Cole Novak • September 20, 2026

- 1) When you hear the word “mercy,” what is the first picture that comes to mind?
- 2) Have you ever been surprised by someone’s kindness or mercy when you weren’t expecting it?

Read Jonah 3:7-10, 4:1-3

- 3) Why do you think Jonah was more upset about God showing mercy to Nineveh than he was grateful for receiving God’s mercy himself?
- 4) What does Jonah’s response to Nineveh reveal about the difference between receiving mercy and extending mercy?
- 5) God describes Nineveh as a city whose people “do not know their right hand from their left.” How might that change the way we understand God’s posture toward people we consider sinful or undeserving?

Read Matthew 10:13-15

- 6) What do you think Jesus means by, “Are you envious because I am generous?” How does envy affect the way we see other people?
- 7) What is the danger of receiving God’s mercy without allowing that mercy to change the way we see other people?
- 8) Who is your “Nineveh”? Who is the person or group toward whom you find it hardest to want God’s mercy?