

THE BOOK OF JONAH'S MAIN IDEA:

God's relentless _____ for _____ everywhere.

1. Jonah misses the point when God's grace to others _____.

> **10** *When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.*
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> **1** *But to Jonah this seemed very wrong, and he became angry.* **2** *He prayed to the Lord, 'Isn't this what I said, Lord, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity.* **3** *Now, Lord, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live.'*
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> **4** *But the Lord replied, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' "*

~ JONAH 3:10-4:4 *(NIV)*

JESUS MODEL:

> *Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."* **~ LUKE 23:34A** *(NIV)*

KEY TRUTH:

It is possible to desire God's grace for _____ but resist wanting it for _____.

> *Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."* **~ EPHESIANS 4:32** *(NIV)*

2. Jonah misses the point when he is more focused on his own _____ than God's _____.

> *Jonah had gone out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city.* **6** *Then the Lord God provided a leafy plant and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about the plant.* **7** *But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the plant so that it withered.* **8** *When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah's head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, "It would be better for me to die than to live."*

~ JONAH 4:5-8 *(NIV)*

JONAH'S ROOT ISSUES

- Erratic mood swings *ranging from courageous obedience to extreme dissatisfaction and anger, suggesting underlying frustration and the need to control.*
- Entitlement tendencies *focusing on his own views of justice and expecting God and others to operate within his parameters.*
- Depressive symptoms *manifesting through feelings of burnout, sadness, anger and hopelessness.*

KEY TRUTH:

It is possible to care more about my personal comfort than _____ .

2. Jonah misses the point when his priorities are _____ from God's priorities.

> *But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?'*
> *'It is,' he said. 'And I'm so angry I wish I were dead.'*
> **10** *But the Lord said, "You have been concerned about this plant, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight.* **11** *And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left–and also many animals?"*

~ JONAH 4:9-11A *(NIV)*

KEY TRUTH:

It is possible for any of us to claim to know God but live with our backs turned to Him.

> *Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.* **22** *Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?'* **23** *Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'"*

~ MATTHEW 7:21-23 *(NIV)*



If the message of Jonah is God's grace for all people everywhere...

WHO DO I NEED TO SHOW GRACE TO?	WHO IS FAR FROM JESUS I NEED TO REACH OUT TO?
_____	_____
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DISCUSSION *Questions:*

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1 - *Why is it sometimes hard to celebrate God's grace toward people we disagree with or who have hurt us?*

2 - *Read Jonah 3:10-4:4. How should experiencing God's grace change the way we treat others? Why was this so difficult for Jonah?*

3 - *Read Jonah 4:5-8. What is the lesson of the plant? What are some ways we can become more focused on our comfort than on what matters to God?*

4 - *What tends to make you happiest or most frustrated? What might that reveal about your priorities?*

5 - *Who are your Ninevites? Is there someone you need to forgive or show grace or kindness to?*

6 - *Who in your family, neighborhood, or workplace is far from Jesus? What is one step you could take to reach out to them?*

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