

## Sermon Questions for Community Groups

**Sermon:** Personal Renewal and the God of Grace

**Series:** Jonah (pt. 8)

**Date:** Nov 12, 2017

**Scripture:** Jonah 3:10-4:5

1. What one truth was most significant to you from Sunday's message?
2. The message of Christianity is that through Jesus Christ, God has freed us from the power of sin, Satan, and death. But if we are free, why do we still sin? Why do we still struggle with fears, with relationships, with jealousy, with lust, or with pride?
3. As Christian we must learn to apply the grace of God to every area of their lives: to your fears, self-image, speech, and relationships, etc. Where have you seen God's grace at work most recently in your life?
4. Where have you seen God's grace at work in those around you? Have you told them what you've seen?
5. Why is Jonah so angry in this passage? Is his anger justified? Why?
6. How can we identify who or what is our true god? Have you been able to identify your own? Are you willing to share what you've discovered?
7. Although we have learned of God's gracious character to us in Jesus, we often fall back into a performance-based relationship with God. What form does your "performance treadmill" take on? What does it look like when you are trying to earn God's grace by performance?
8. Why, when life falls apart or you experience difficulties and trials, do you find yourself moving away from God instead of toward him? Why do you think that is?
9. One of the clearest proofs that you are falling back into relating to God as a slave master is how you relate to others. How you relate to others is a reflection of how you relate to God. Do your relationships reflect that you are relating to God more as a Father or as a slave master?
10. How are we to change from being people who relate to God as a slave master to people who see God as Father? What does this text provide for our help?

Prayer Requests: