

RUNNING FROM GOD

mercy is there when you turn around

CONVERSATION GUIDE

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Jonah 3 | Pastor Tim Porter

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We are excited to announce that beginning with our series on Jonah, titled "Running From God," we will provide a weekly Conversation Guide for families, individuals, discipleship groups and Missional Communities. This will be a great tool for those wishing to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of Jonah.

The Conversation Guide will be posted every Friday in the News & Blog section of our website. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends and in your Discipleship Groups. And, we welcome your feedback! Please send your feedback to Pastor Tim Prince at tprince@fcchudson.com.

Conversation Questions

1. Have you ever had to deliver hard news to someone? What was it like and how did it go?
2. Read Jonah chapter 3. What verse or phrase stands out to you most? Why?
3. What do you observe about God in this story? We see that God is angry. What is he angry about (v. 8) and how is his anger different than ours?
4. How do the Ninevites and their king respond to Jonah's message? "Repentance" means "turning back" to God. What do we learn about repentance from the Ninevites and their king?
5. The Ninevites responded to Jonah's message of judgment with repentance. They "believed God." (v.5) When you hear about God's judgment how do you tend to respond? (Anger? Cynicism? Disbelief? Mockery? Fear?) Is there anything in your life that you know is displeasing to God but have not repented? Look at how God responds: Whenever we repent, God relents. (v.10) Is there anything you're ready to confess to God and begin changing?
6. Jonah's repentance in chapter 2, resulted in others experiencing God's mercy as well. Pastor Porter said, "As we experience mercy and repentance, others around us will experience repentance as well..." Who should be experiencing forgiveness from you this week? Be specific.
7. Pray and ask God to help you to change. Ask him to help you extend his mercy to others this week.