

Title: **The Mercy & Mission of God**  
Text: **Jonah (Overview)**  
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## Big Idea

In the book of Jonah, God's demonstration of mercy and His mission ultimately lead us to Jesus, who is the ultimate demonstration of God's mercy and mission to us and the world.

### Summary of Jonah

Jonah 1: Jonah r\_\_\_\_\_ a\_\_\_\_\_ from God as Jonah disobeys God's command and commission to preach to the city of Nineveh (Assyria).

Jonah 2: Jonah r\_\_\_\_\_ t\_\_\_\_\_ God in prayer as he's rescued and swallowed up by a fish in the sea.

Jonah 3: Jonah r\_\_\_\_\_ w\_\_\_\_\_ God as he goes to Nineveh to proclaim God's word to them. Jonah witnesses a mass

Jonah 4: Jonah attempts to r\_\_\_\_\_ (control) God as Jonah continues in his anger, disappointment and frustration in the way(s) God has shown mercy towards Nineveh.

### 1. The Mercy of God

(Jonah 1:4, 14-17; 2:6, 10; 3:1-5, 4:4-11)

Shown towards N\_\_\_\_\_ despite their s\_\_\_\_\_ of violence, cruelty, and ruthlessness.

Shown towards J\_\_\_\_\_ despite his s\_\_\_\_\_ of disobedience, anger, and self-righteousness.

Both (All) are u\_\_\_\_\_ of God's mercy  
(cf. Ephesians 2:8-9, Romans 6:23, Hebrews 4:16)

### 2. The Mission of God

(Jonah 1:1-2, 15-16; 3:1-5; 4:11)

For a\_\_\_\_\_ people(s) to know and worship Him  
(cf. Genesis 12:1-3, Revelation 7:9-12)

For God's p\_\_\_\_\_ to be a p\_\_\_\_\_ of His mission

### 3. The Mercy & Mission of God: Jesus

(cf. John 1:1-16, Matthew 8:5-13, 9:9-13, Romans 15:8-12)



### Reflection Questions

- When was a time someone showed you mercy? How did you feel? When was the last time you showed mercy towards someone? Why were you merciful towards that person?
- Why do you think we can often take God's mercy for granted? What are some areas of your life where you need to be reminded of how God's been merciful towards you?
- In what ways is it tempting to become self-righteous (or exclusionary of others) like Jonah? Who are the (types of) people that you find more difficult to love (or easily get angered at)? Why?
- What might it look like for you (individually or as a family) - and us as a church -- to participate in the mission of God in our day-to-day life - esp. with the start of a new school year?
- In what ways do you see Jesus and the Gospel message throughout the book of Jonah?

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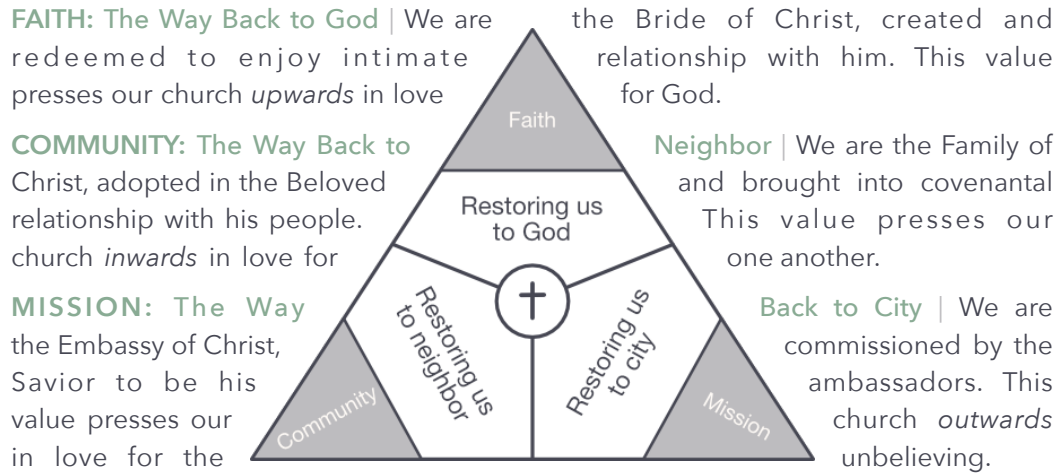


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## Announcement Spotlight

### International Friendship Group Dinner - Save the Date!

Save the Date - Mercy Hill is planning to provide the food and program for the International Friendship Group (IFG) dinner for international students at San Jose State University on Saturday, September 24th from 6:00-8:00pm held at Church on The Hill. This is an opportunity for your whole family to come serve and meet international students. More info coming soon!

**If you have any questions, feel free to contact Becky Durstenfeld at [beckydurstenfeld@gmail.com](mailto:beckydurstenfeld@gmail.com).**

### All Church Campout - Quick Survey

As many of you know, last year we had a great time at our All Church Campout which was held at Mount Madonna County Park (just 45 minutes from here, but it feels like a world away). We camped Saturday night and held the service in the redwoods there on Sunday morning.

We want to do it again!

This year, things booked up quicker than anticipated and we weren't able to secure a group campsite for us. We're not wanting to make the same mistake again. We're looking to make reservations for 2023 now. But we need your help.

**Scan the QR code below to find a quick survey you can fill out!**

### Mercy Hill Youth Mini-Golf - Today!

Just a quick reminder that we'll be going to play mini-golf today from 1:00-3:00pm at Golfland San Jose (we'll eat lunch together after the worship service and head over there together). This event is open to your friends/classmates -- and siblings too!

**If you have any questions, feel free to contact our Mercy Hill Youth team at [youth@mercyhillchurch.org](mailto:youth@mercyhillchurch.org).**

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