

**Experiencing Amazing - Part 3
(The Book of Jonah)**

“Three Ways We Experience God’s Mercy”
Jonah 1:11-17

“...Jonah is not a hero too high and mighty for us to identify with. Instead of being held up as an ideal to admire, we find Jonah as a companion in our ineptness. God is working in and around Jonah’s very ineptness and accomplishing his purposes in him. Most of us need a biblical friend or two like Jonah.” Eugene Peterson - The Invitation

Three Ways We Experience God's Mercy

1. We experience God’s mercy when we _____.

Like Jonah, we often run physically, emotionally, and spiritually from the God who is inviting us to be on _____ with him.

Jonah shows us how God _____ when we run.

When we run, God _____.

2. We experience God’s mercy when we _____.

God provides a storm and a _____.

Jonah’s sin leads to sacrificing his life to save _____.

The fish serves as God’s _____.

3. We experience God’s mercy when we realize we’re not _____.

Our attempt at self-sufficiency leads us to _____.

“...Jonah’s whole problem was the same as ours: a conviction that if we fully surrender our will to God, he will not be committed to our good and joy. A God who substitutes himself for us and suffers so that we may go free is a God you can trust.”

MY OUTREACH TEMPERATURE

Cold

Hot



Personal Reflection & Small Group Questions

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week’s sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

2. Read Jonah 1:11-17. Where do you see God’s mercy in your life in the form of a “storm” or “fish”? In other words, where do you see God moving through a difficult circumstance to bring you back to faithfulness and obedience?

3. Think about your life in this current season. Where has a lack of trust in God led to a type of self-sufficiency that is focused more on your will than on God’s?

4. What is your outreach temperature today, and what can you do to raise it in the coming week? (Remember, we are stewards of our outreach temperature.)