

Discussion Questions Course 201–2

Large Group

1. Who can tell me what mercy means?
2. In our previous lesson, why was Joy having trouble showing mercy to a girl named Sharon at school?
3. Do you believe there are times when we should not receive mercy from God?
4. Do you think Jonah ever realized how wrong his attitude was about God's mercy?
5. Jonah 4:11. Who was saying these words?

Small Group

Teaching

1. God wants us to deliver His Word and mercy to others. Have you ever received an envelope in the mail and couldn't wait to see what was inside?
2. Jonah 4:11. Did anyone hear a reason not to judge Nineveh right away?
3. Have you ever been punished for breaking a rule that you didn't even know was a rule? How did that feel?
4. What does the SuperTruth tell us?

Discipleship Challenge

1. What does the fish remind us of?
2. Does anyone remember what the Greek letters inside the fish stand for?
3. Did anyone use their necklaces from last time as a reminder to show mercy to someone?
4. What happened when you did?
5. Did anyone receive mercy from someone this week?

SuperVerse

1. Do you remember from our video when God spoke these words to Jonah? Was it before or after the city of Nineveh repented?
2. How did Jonah feel when the city was spared from God's judgment?
3. Instead of being full of joy, Jonah was bitter and angry. He was more concerned about the plant that no longer provided him shade! Do you think Jonah's attitude pleased God?

Prayer

1. Think of a time that you have been shown mercy when you knew inside you didn't deserve it. How did that feel?

Additional Activities

Object Lesson

1. Do you think casting lots is a good way to make decisions or find out what God's will is today?
2. How do you think we can determine God's will or make a wise choice?
3. James 1:5a. How can we hear what God is saying to us?
4. Do we have to pray to see if it is God's will to show others mercy? How do you know?

5. We learned that God wants us to show mercy! How about one more way? Does anyone remember a verse we talked last time, Luke 6:36?

Activity

Read and discuss each Bible Passage with the questions below:

1. Who needed mercy?
2. What was the need?
3. Did everyone want to show mercy? If not, why not?
4. How was mercy shown?

1. Matthew 20:29–34—Blind men.
2. Luke 22:32–43—Thief on the cross.
3. Mark 8:1–9—Feeding crowd of 4,000.
4. Luke 19:1–9—Zacchaeus.
5. Matthew 14:13–21—Feeding crowd of 5,000.