

WEEK 4 – PURSUIT OF MERCY
Day 2 – Mercy Triumphs



Read what? Jonah 3:6–10



What?

This is where you describe what happened in the story in your own words.



So what?

This is where you talk about what this passage means to you in your own life.



Now what?

This is where you talk about what you are going to do differently because of this passage.

Day 1 – Mercy Triumphs
Jonah 3:6–10

There is a beautiful contrast—that we serve a just God who is also full of mercy. In the first two chapters of the book of Jonah, God asked the prophet Jonah to travel to Nineveh and tell them to repent of their sins. Instead, he ran as fast as he could in the opposite direction. Jonah didn't feel that the people of Nineveh deserved God's mercy. Traveling away on a boat, God sent a storm, and the other people on the boat threw Jonah overboard. He spent three days inside a big fish before being vomited up on a shore near Nineveh, where he went and preached the message that God had originally asked him to. The Ninevites repented, and God showed them mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

That last sentence rings as true now as it did in Jonah's time. God's goodness never changes. In many ways, the Bible speaks of us before we knew Christ. We were children of wrath, dead in our sins, and slaves to fear, sin, and death. That was our identity before we knew Jesus. But regardless of where we come from—our religious background, what we have done, who we were—the mercy of Jesus is poured out equally on those who have received Him. And those who have received Him are now His masterpieces—children of God and sealed by the Holy Spirit.

Study Questions:

1. What was the king's response upon hearing of his people's sin?

2. What was God's response to the repentant heart of the king?

Application Questions:

1. When you are confronted with sin in your life, what is your response?

2. What does the phrase "mercy triumphs over judgment" mean to you?
