

POUTING PROPHET

1. Ties that **bind**.
2. Bonds that **blind**.
3. Mercy that **mends**.
4. Mercy that **extends**.

LIFE Group Questions

1. What questions about the passage do you have after hearing the message on Sunday?
2. Jonah confesses that he knew the character of God (read Jonah 4:1-3). Jonah knew that God was gracious and compassionate (Exodus 34:6, Nehemiah 9:17, & Psalm 145:8). Share about how you've seen God's character in this manner.
3. Jonah was setting outside the city to watch Nineveh be destroyed. Read Genesis 19:1-29 to learn about Sodom and Gomorrah. Discuss how Sodom was destroyed but Nineveh was spared in different time periods. How do you explain the judgement of God to people who want only compassion? How do you explain his mercy to those who want more judgement?
4. Read Jonah 4:4-8. Jonah appears to be angry at God for acting in compassion. How does the compassion of God make you feel? What do you need to change to begin to love the mercy of God.
5. The Bible calls those who follow Jesus to invest themselves into helping others grow in following Jesus (read Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 16:1-5, Ephesians 4:2-24, & 1 Thessalonians 1:5). Who are you intentionally investing your life in to help them grow in the Lord?
6. As the book of Jonah nears the end, we see God's great concern for this Nation (read Jonah 4:9-11). What is something in our world that you are concerned for (It might be a people group, an organization, or a personal calling)?
7. What can you do to be more merciful in your daily living? What will you change to be more forgiving?
8. Close your time in prayer. Talk about who you will invite to Gold Coast on Sunday.