

**LIFE GROUP STUDY- Dr. Harley Ihm**  
**“Learning From Mistakes – But I Don’t Like Them!”**

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**Icebreaker:** What would you do if you were one of 10 people in a lifeboat that could only hold 8?

Sometimes we are faced with choices or decisions we would rather not make. Let's see what Jonah did with his unpopular choice.

**An Encounter with the Word of God**

1. Read Jonah 1:1-3. Why did God want Jonah, His servant, to go to Nineveh and what did God want Jonah to do there?
2. What lifestyles today arise before God? What do you think God wants us to do about it?
3. Jonah tried to run from God's plan. How do we act like Jonah?
4. Read chapter 3. After spending some time in the belly of a giant fish, pondering if he might have made a bad choice, God offers Jonah another chance to do what he was supposed to do. Jonah does. What difference does his new found faithfulness make in the lives of some totally lost people?
5. Sometimes we can be like Jonah and not believe certain people can change. Who do you think would be an unlikely prospect for being willing to change?
6. Read 4:1-4. What Jonah ticked off?
7. Are there any people or sins within people that you think should get what's coming to them rather than forgiveness? What do you think God has to say to us when we act like Jonah in this area of our faith?
8. In chapter 4:11 God tells Jonah that there were more than 120,000 people who couldn't tell their right hand from their left. What does God imply to Jonah and to us from that fact?