

# The Life Challenge

**Sermon:** *Out of Sync*

**Text:** *Jonah 3:1-4:4*

**Series:** *Mercy Triumphs*

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## WARM-UP

Think back to this weekend's teaching. Share one thought that stood out to you.

## DISCUSSION

### Read Jonah 3:1-4:4

- Why was Jonah, a prophet of God, upset that the people of Nineveh had responded to his message en-masse and turned to faith in God?
- In 4:2, Jonah affirms God's character in the same manner that God Himself had revealed it to Moses in Exodus, except that he repeats it not as a point of praise, but as an accusation. Why do you think Jonah takes exception with God's character?
- In 4:4, in response to Jonah's anger at God's response to the city of Nineveh, God asks the question, "Is it right for you to be angry?" The book does not include any verbal response from Jonah. If he had spoken back to God, what do you think his answer would have been?

### Read Psalm 103

- What do you make of the first two verses? What is the purpose of David talking to himself in this way?
- List all the ways in which this psalm describes God's goodness to people.
- Which of God's "mercies" described in this psalm is most meaningful to you? Why?
  
- In what ways do Christians today demonstrate objection to God's application of mercy in the world?
- Do you ever struggle with the call to imitate God in showing mercy to others?
- What practical steps could you take to make sure that when it comes to God's posture of mercy towards others, you stay in sync with Him?