

Eager to Forgive:

The Compassion of God in Restoring a Lost People

Adult Equipping Hour | 12-Week Study (Jonah, Micah, Nahum)

Course Overview

This study examines the work of God as He speaks through His prophets, Jonah, Micah, and Nahum. Each of these men were commissioned to proclaim God's expectations of holiness so that the nations would be forgiven by Him and know Him. As we examine their accounts during this 12-week study we'll reflect on the ways in which God's compassion was on display, how that compassion was shown to and through His messengers, and the response of those to whom they were called.

Study Guide: *Jonah, Micah, and Nahum: A 12 Week Study* from the "Knowing the Bible" series

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Schedule

Lesson 1: Overview

Lesson 2: The Fear of the Lord (Jonah 1:1-2:10)

Lesson 3: Stubbornness and Repentance (Jonah 3:1-4:11)

Lesson 4: The Lord of Creation against His People (Micah 1:1-16)

Lesson 5: A Failure of Leadership (Micah 2:1-3:12)

Lesson 6: He shall be their Peace (Micah 4:1-5:15)

Lesson 7: The case against Israel (Micah 6:1-7:7)

Lesson 8: God's Steadfast Love (Micah 7:8-20)

Lesson 9: The Divine Warrior (Nahum 1:1-15)

Lesson 10: Behold, I am Against You (Nahum 2:1-13)

Lesson 11: The Shame of Sin (Nahum 3:1-19)

Lesson 12: Summary and Conclusion

"Who is God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea."

Micah 7:18-19

Learning Objectives

By the end of this study, participants will understand:

- Jonah, Micah, and Nahum's prophetic ministries
- The state of Israel during the time of their prophecy
- How individual and collective behaviors alienate us from God's forgiveness
- What it means to live under the forgiveness of God
- How to treasure God's compassion and bestow compassion to others
- The context of the Gospel in light of these prophetic revelations

What to Bring

- Your Bible
- The study guide: *Jonah, Micah, and Nahum: A 12 Week Study*
- A notebook or journal for personal reflections
- An open heart ready to encounter God's truth

Study Approach

Each week's lesson in the study guide follows a consistent structure designed to deepen your understanding of Romans:

- 1. The Place of the Passage** - An overview of how the week's passage fits within the broader context of Romans
- 2. The Big Picture** - A general summary of the main themes and content of the passage under study
- 3. Reflection and Discussion** - Interactive questions about the passage with space for your written responses and group discussion
- 4. Gospel Glimpses** - Discovering how the passage reveals aspects of the gospel and God's saving work
- 5. Whole-Bible Connections** - Exploring how the passage connects to broader theological principles found throughout Scripture
- 6. Theological Soundings** - Examining key doctrinal topics and themes that emerge from the passage
- 7. Personal Implications** - Space for you to reflect on how the gospel glimpses, whole-Bible connections, and theological insights personally impact your life and faith
- 8. Key Definitions** - Important terms and concepts from the passage clearly explained

Our class time will involve working through these sections together, discussing your insights, and encouraging one another as we grow in understanding God's Word.