

Jonah Week 4 – Small Group Questions

Open:

1. When you were a child, how did you respond when things did not go your way? Get angry/throw fits? Pout? Give in and go with the flow?
2. Has your go-to response changed as you have gotten older? How?

Dig:

Read: Jonah 4:1-11

3. According to Vs 2, why did Jonah run away from God and his command to go to Nineveh?
4. Given the size of the city (Vs 11), the message to be proclaimed (3:4), and what you know about God (His love, grace, and mercy), how would you have felt being sent to deliver this message? Like Jonah? Why?
5. What do the vine, the worm and the hot sun reveal about God? About Jonah?
6. Why do you think the author leaves this story open ended? How would you have ended it differently?

Reflect:

7. Has God ever called you or put something on your heart for you to do that made you uncomfortable? How so?
8. Is there a particular person or group of people you would have a hard time reaching out to with a message of God's love and mercy?
9. When Jonah was in the belly of the big fish, he in essence vowed to do whatever God called him to do whether he liked it or not. Are you willing to offer that same promise to God in your life? Why or why not?