



“Jonah, Meet God”

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CG Discussion Guide

CATCHING UP ON LIFE

This is when we update each other on the things that Jesus has been up to in our lives since we last saw each other. As A church family, we care about each other's lives: what we're celebrating, what we're mourning, what decisions we are praying through, and everything in between. (1 Thessalonians 2:8, Romans 12:10 and 15)

Suggested time: 10 minutes

- What can you thank God for this week?
- When were you most aware of Jesus' presence this week?
- When were you least aware of Jesus' presence this week?

REVIEW THE MISSION

Just like God the Father sent Jesus on a mission of reconciliation for us, Jesus sends us out as ambassadors of His reconciliation. We are called to make disciples wherever we go because Jesus changes everything. (John 20:21 and 2 Corinthians 5:18-20) · *Suggested time: 10-15 minutes*

- People:
 - Who in your life (family, coworkers, etc.) can we join you in praying for? Who has God put around you that is showing spiritual interest? Who is hurting and could use some love from our group?
 - Who are the people we are intentionally living on mission with (neighbors, Serve CLT partner organizations, or a specific demographic in Charlotte)? What are our upcoming plans to love, serve, and build relationships with this group?
- Plan:
 - Are there any hangouts already planned, or an extra hangout we could plan to create a way for these friends to connect with our group?
- Pray:
 - Prayer is the fuel of God's mission. Let's pray for our people by name; pray for their needs, and opportunities to have spiritual conversations that help them take next steps toward Jesus.

SCRIPTURE AND SERMON DISCUSSION

God uses His Word to reveal Himself to us, equip us to live the good life He's designed for us, show us our sin, and strengthen us as we follow Him. We preach the Word on Sundays and apply it as a Community Group throughout the week. (2 Timothy 3:16-17, Colossians 1:9-12 and James 1:22-25) · *Suggested Time: 30-40 minutes*

Read Jonah 4

1. What stands out to you from this passage? What does this passage show us about God? What does this passage show us about ourselves?

Recap the Sermon

2. What stood out to you from the sermon? What comforted you? What convicted you?
3. The theme of Jonah is that Jonah is consistently rebellious, and God is consistently merciful. How have you seen and grasped more of God's mercy for you over the past 4 weeks?
4. This week, we asked the question - *Do you want the mercy of God to be great enough to save sinners?* How have you been wrestling with that question since Sunday? Are there "enemies" in your life that you have been seeking to keep from the grace of God?
5. What would it look like for you this week to be with Jesus, the true and greater Jonah, so that His grace towards you changes you and leads you to be gracious to others?

Pray - Pray that we as a church would live in the mercy of God, causing us to love and have mercy for our enemies. Pray that we would be a people who, like our God, are quick to forgive and show mercy.

CARE AND PRAYER

Jesus calls us to walk in the light, confessing our sins to God and each other. God's Spirit works through confession and community to lead us to repentance. (Romans 3:23-24, James 5:16 and 1 John 1:5-10) *Suggested Time: 30-45 minutes.*