

“What is it Going to Take?”

Jonah

Leader’s Tip-of-the-Week: *Loving as Leaders*

Leaders, you are serving in a strategic ministry! You are making a huge difference in the cause of Christ. You are part of a revolution that revolves around one core truth: when your group is marked by a contagious love, then people will *want* to join it! As a result, more authentic disciples will develop. *You* play a key role as a shepherd who models Christ’s compelling love in a small group community.

Connect With One Another

1. What is one place you would never *want to go*, or something you would never *want to do*—even if God showed you specifically that this is what he wanted from you?

Study God’s Word

Have someone read Jonah 1.

2. List all the things God does to get Jonah’s attention.
3. Describe the crew of the ship—their faith (v. 5-6), their attitude toward Yahweh (v. 10, 14, 16)
4. What happens to their faith after they throw Jonah overboard?

Have someone read Jonah 2.

5. Describe Jonah’s prayer. How sincere is he? What is his attitude toward unbelievers (v. 8-9)?

Have someone read Jonah 3-4.

6. What happens when Jonah goes to Nineveh? How would you describe Jonah’s attitude and behavior in chapter 4?
7. How does God deal with Jonah? What is the point of the lesson of the vine?

Living the Truth of God’s Word

8. In what ways do we sometimes try to hide from God?
9. How has God gotten your attention lately? What would it take for you to get out of your comfort zone and do something radical for God’s Kingdom?
10. In what ways are our hearts sometimes closed or hard to certain groups of people?

Praying Together

- **Application:** Ask God to reveal areas in your life where you are more concerned about your own comfort or happiness to the exclusion of being concerned about the things that concern God.
- **Personal requests:** How can this group pray for you? Have each person in the group share the name of one person who you will be praying for to put their faith for salvation in Jesus’ death on the cross.
- **Ministry (within the church):** Pray for your small group and our church to live authentic, open lives before God and one another.
- **Mission (in the world):** Pray for those you will be inviting to Easter and Holy Week services.