

Connection Group

Jonah Chapter 3

- The story of Jonah isn't just about God rescuing Nineveh (Jonah 3). It is about God rescuing Jonah. Jonah realized how much his life lacked faith in the Lord as the challenge of God's calling revealed it (Jonah 1:1-3). God can use life challenges to deepen our faith. Think back in your life. Can you identify a Jonah moment? Was there a time in your life God grew your faith through a circumstance? How? Does James 1:2-4 apply?
- God called Jonah to a specific place, the city of Nineveh. God can lead us to specific places, new cities. God cares for nations and cities. See Jeremiah 29:7-8. What do you think God's heart is for your city? What are some things that make your city such a great place to minister for Christ? How can God use you in your city? How is God using you in your city?
- God leads us to places because his heart is for people. It's not just about where you minister but to whom you minister. Jonah went to Nineveh because God asked him to go, but the truth is he didn't care about the people. When you listen to Jesus teach about his kingdom, His focus is on the people. Jesus taught us to care for people. God can lead us to places but we must be willing to love the people. Read the following verses (Romans 12:9-21; 13:8,10; 1 Corinthians 12:25-27; Galatians 2:10; James 1:27; Titus 2:4; Ephesians 5:25; Acts 1:8; Matthew 5:43-44) Do you think it is possible to truly live a Christian life without actively caring for people? Are there other verses or people groups you would add to this list? As you look at these passages, to whom does God lead your heart? Who is the first person or persons you believe God wants to reach? This doesn't have to be a city. It can be a neighbor, home, school, group of people.
- This week is all about action. We don't want to carry the heart of Jonah for our city. We want to carry the heart of Jesus. Jesus cares about people. As you think through the story of Jonah how has the Lord encouraged you to carry the heart of Christ?