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LIFEgroup Discussion Questions

Jonah: God's Glory and His Love For us

September 7, 2014

Read: Jonah 1.1-17

1. Review a little bit from last week. What do we know about Nineveh and its residents? How far is it from where Jonah is? What does Nahum say about a century after Jonah concerning Nineveh (Nahum 3.1-3)? Who would we compare the people of Nineveh to today? What is close to present day Nineveh today? What is the condition there?
2. What was God's command to Jonah? What was Jonah to do (1.2; 3.4)? What was Jonah's response (1.3)? In the simplest sense, what do we call this (Romans 3.23)? Jonah bucks the glory of God. What does Jesus desire from us (John 14.15)?
3. Are open doors always from God? What was Jonah's open door (1.3)?
4. According to Warren Wiersbe, what kinds of storms are there in life (correcting and perfecting; Galatians 6.8; Hebrews 12.6-8; Romans 5.3-5)? What kind of storm was this for Jonah?
5. After casting lots and the lot fell to Jonah, what did the sailors ask Jonah (1.8)? What do we see about Jonah's response (1.9)? What do we see from the sailor's response to Jonah's witness of God (10-11)? When Jonah tells the sailors to throw him overboard, what do you think he might be thinking? Is he thinking, I am useless, so just get rid of me, or do you sense that this is him taking responsibility and caring for these sailors and so he is a willing sacrifice?
6. What change do we see in the sailors (1.5; 1.14, 16)? So, can God still bring about spiritual fruit in spite of our disobedience? What can disobedience do to our witness (Matthew 5.13)?
7. When you think about God providing the great fish what comes to your mind first? What does it remind you of or make you think of? How has God provided even a greater rescue? Thank God for Jesus and the salvation He provides for us.

Pray.