

## Discussion Questions for Life Groups - Jonah & Nahum

1. Begin your discussion by asking a few people to share about one of the people God used to help them come to faith in Jesus. Are there any common threads in these stories?

Why do you think God uses people to tell other people about Him?  
What other ways does He work to bring people to Himself?

2. Take a few minutes to read and discuss the events in Jonah Chapter 1.

Why do you think Jonah did not want to go to Nineveh the capital of Assyria?  
Compare: chapter 4:1-2

What do you know about the Assyrian people and their dealings with Israel and Judah?

Ask if anyone has some study notes in their Bible that tell you more about the Assyrians.

Compare: II Kings 18:9-12 / 18:14-16 / 19:1-7 / 19:35-37

3. If you have time, ask what people feel about the account of Jonah in the belly of the whale. Ask them to share why they believe it or don't believe the story.

Compare: Matthew 12:39-41 / 16:4 / Luke 11:29-32.

4. Why do you think God gave Jonah a "second chance" to go to Nineveh?

Ask people to share an example from their own lives where they feel God was willing to forgive them and give them a "second chance" or new start on life.

5. If you have time, look at the book of Nahum. Remember that Nahum spoke about 150 years after Jonah. His message is that "time is up" - "judgment is coming". (1:1-3)

In contrast, Nahum 1:7 offers hope even in dark times. Share an example when you have felt that The Lord was a stronghold in your life during a time of trouble. (This is the verse on the In-N-Out Burger Double-Double hamburger wrapper!)

6. Application: If God used one or several people to tell you about Him, how do you think He wants to use you to tell others about Him? Ask each person to share the name of at least one person they sense that God wants them to tell someone about Him.