

The Running Man

Relentless Mercy – Jonah 1

February 24, 2019

Community Group Discussion Questions

PLEASE READ BEFORE LEADING DISCUSSION

- Recommended questions are highlighted in bold, but select 5 or 6 questions you think will work best for your group discussion. You likely won't have time to discuss all of the questions so choose which questions you will ask ahead of time and make sure to provide plenty of time to focus on the application questions.
- Feel free to edit or reword questions to best fit your group.
- You may want to print out copies of this document for everyone so they can follow along with the questions as you read them.
- Check out this Facilitation Guide (<http://bit.ly/CGFacilitationGuide>) for tips on leading good discussions.

ICEBREAKER (5-10 Minutes)

1. Share your name and answer the following question:
 - When is a time where you were nervous or scared for your life while traveling or in a storm?

OPENING THE DISCUSSION (5-10 Minutes)

2. Drew shared that God often uses the bad examples of others to help us learn.
 - What have you learned as a result of someone else's bad example or failure?
 - What are some ways you've seen the failures of others bring about positive changes? (in their life, those around them, or society in general)
3. Share about a time in your life when you turned away or turned back toward God? What led you to change directions?

DIGGING DEEPER (10 Minutes)

4. Read Jonah 1:1-16.
 - What questions or thoughts does this chapter of Jonah raise for you?
 - In what ways can you relate to Jonah's actions in this chapter?
5. Reread Jonah 1:8-12.
 - What can we learn from Jonah's interaction and response to the sailors?
6. Read Jonah 1:4. Drew shared on Sunday that "even in our rebellion, God still pursues us."
 - What has God used in your life to pursue you or get your attention?

APPLYING IT (10-20 Minutes)

7. Drew shared on Sunday that "God desires to work on us and through us."
 - What is an area of your life that God is working on right now?
8. Where in your life do you need to stop running from God?

GROWTH GOALS

9. In prayer time, ask each other about your progress with the growth goal(s) you shared at the beginning of the group trimester. How can we encourage each other to follow through?