



SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

WEEK: 19

GOAL OF TONIGHT

Help students see how God's story intersects with their story and why that matters in their day-to-day life.

WELCOME & ICE BREAKER

Hey friends! Let's start off by just saying one word that describes how our week has been going so far. (Leaders, this can be quick, and will give you a sense of where everyone's at before you begin the Bible study)

BIBLE VERSES

Jonah 4

QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS THE BIBLE VERSES

Hey guys, so by now you probably know we are studying the book of Jonah both in small group and large group. Which is awesome because we can learn twice as much! Tonight, we get the exciting privilege to read the end of this book, the last chapter. Remember, Jonah has now obeyed God, preached to the Ninevites and they repented and turned from their wicked ways. You would THINK the last chapter would be about how they all lived "happily ever after," but not so much. Let's read what happens!

Read Jonah 4:

1. After reading this, what is your reaction?
2. Why is Jonah upset with God in this chapter - about Ninevah and about the plant?
3. What does Jonah's anger with God say about the kind of guy he is?
4. With the plant at the end of chapter 4, was it wrong of God to send the worm? Why or why not?
5. Do you think people today get upset with God easily? Why or why not?
6. Why is it easy to blame God or become frustrated with him?
7. What could we do to remind ourselves not to become frustrated with God, but instead be thankful for what he does give us?.

LEADER INSIGHT

This chapter is a real shocker! It appears that Jonah is a super bad dude. He doesn't want the people to be forgiven! And then he throws a fit about it. Crazy! Once again, it's important that we try to see ourselves in the story. We also have unreasonable expectations for God, we also throw fits sometimes. The key is learning from those times and making changes.

APPLICATION SUGGESTIONS

Have students make a list - verbally or written - of what God has provided for them that makes them thankful. It could be family, forgiveness, a great small group (!!) or anything else they can think of. Gratitude helps us keep great perspective!