



## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

DATE

March 14

BIBLE PASSAGE

Jonah 3

### 1. KNOW THE CONTEXT

The book of Jonah is an ancient story of a Prophet of God named Jonah. In this story Jonah is asked by God to go to the "great city of Nineveh" and tell them to change their ways because they were wicked. But, there is a catch. Jonah didn't want to go to

### 2. READ THE BIBLE PASSAGE TOGETHER

### 3. SPEND TIME IN OBSERVATION

Which verses, ideas, or characters stuck out to you?  
What questions could come from this passage?

Observation notes:

Questions:

#### 4. SPEND TIME IN INTERPRETATION

What did this passage mean to the original audience?

What would it have felt like to be a character in this passage, and who in the passage is the hero/role model (if any)?

What's the main point of this passage?

Questions	Answers
Why do you think God called out to Jonah a second time?	When God has something specific he wants us to do he is persistent in wanting us to obey.
What was the result of Jonah's obedience when he decided to finally obey?	God used him to do something great and the city of Nineveh, as well as the King, believed the message and turned from their evil ways!
Why do you think the people and King declared a fast? What does fasting mean?	Fasting is a practice in the Bible where people give something up for an extended period of time so they can focus on God instead of other idols in their life. By fasting, we open up our hearts for God to fill us up instead of looking to other things to fill us up.
Why do you think God changed his mind and didn't destroy Nineveh?	That's what God does when he can see that we desire to turn from evil ways and seek above all else!

#### 5. SPEND TIME IN APPLICATION

What is the "universal truth" God wants to teach us from this passage?

How can we apply the message of this passage to our daily lives?

#### 6. PRAY

Follow-up notes: