

Southwest Life Groups

A Place to Belong...A Place to Transform

January 10th, 2010

Focus: To explore the discipline of God as His relentless love for His people.

The Book of Jonah A Relentless Love - Lesson #2

Introduction: As you came to realize last week there are many theological themes which arise out of Chapter 1 that we didn't speak to. Remember we are going to spend more than one week per chapter! Begin this week scanning back through chapter 1 to recognize some of the things you wish we would have talked about.

- The Lord's control of all things.
- What must the sailors lean on this trip?
- Others?

Test: Jonah 1

- Re-read the chapter for all to meditate and reflect on what you hear.
- Discuss the idea that the 'Word of the Lord' came to a man...God called a man to do His business. Share your thoughts on the amazing nature of this reality.
- Jonah said no to God...describe the heart of God as shown in His response to Jonah's rebellion.
- Discuss other responses God could have had or would have been justified in having.
- How does this incident convey God's relentless love for Jonah?

Application:

- In what ways have you said no to God?
- How do you respond to a God who keeps coming back after you? Does it make you want to praise or do you just feel guilty?
- How might we see God's discipline in our lives as His relentless love for us?
- Is that how we have chosen to see His discipline?

Worship: Tonight, end your time together in worship, sharing ways in which God has shown His relentless love to you. We have said no to Him many times and yet He is still here...wanting to use us to change the world!