

Southwest Life Groups

A Place to Belong...A Place to Transform

January 24th, 2010

Focus: To focus in on the love and grace of our God as he invites Jonah to work with Him again.

The Book of Jonah Called Again- Lesson #4

Introduction: I have heard the phrase, 'Our God is a God of second chances' many times in my life. Begin tonight talking about the propensity of our Father to forgive and invite us back.

- Share how grace has affected you in your walk with Christ.
- Jesus was full of grace and truth (Jn. 1:14). Some people live as though He were full of truth and a little grace or full of grace and a little truth. Compare and contrast these ways of life.
- Where do you see the need for more grace in our world today and why.

Text: Jonah 3:1-4

- Read the text and share your initial thoughts.
- Examine what it communicates about God that He calls Jonah for a second time.
- Evaluate why you believe Jonah chose to go this time.
- Re-engage the conversation about the city of Nineveh and its position in the world as the capital city of the Assyria.
- Why would God send a prophet to the country who is about to destroy Israel?

Application:

- We serve a God of second chances, are we people who give them?
- Share how you have watched someone's life change after accepting a second chance.
- Are you being 'called again' by God after saying no to something previously in your life?