

DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM

CURRICULUM GUIDE

JONAH: WEEK 3

February 13 & 16, 2020

LEADER INFO:

ROCK TRAINING CLASS | Sunday, February 23 | all campuses

Eleven22 is upgrading their database. Check your email for upcoming training dates at your campus.

GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Covenant Membership Class | Sunday, February 23 | 1:15pm all campuses

If you are ready to move from attending to fully partnering in the vision, mission and values of Eleven22? Join us for an upcoming Covenant Membership class. Learn more at coe22.com/classes

Care Team Orientation | Monday, March 2 | 7:00pm all campuses

Our Care team members pray for, walk beside of and share their faith with others. Orientation is an opportunity for you to learn how to become a member of the Care team. Sign up here!

MEMORY VERSE: And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.— 1 Peter 5:10

THIS WEEK'S READING PLAN:

Monday – Jonah 3

Tuesday – Ezekiel 14:1-11

Wednesday – Joel 2

Thursday – Matthew 3:1-12

Friday - Acts 2:14-41

Saturday - Revelation 3:14-22

<u>Sent Focus - Week 7</u>: James & Shawna Downs & family – James, Shawna and their three kids live on a shipping vessel responding to natural disasters throughout the Caribbean. They recently spent a few months in the Bahamas bringing supplies and serving the communities affected by the flooding. Join us in praying for rest for their family, friendship and growth for their kids, and for wisdom as they discern where God is calling them to next.

CONNECT & CHECK-IN:

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR LIFE:

- What was the best part of your week?
- What was the most challenging?
- How did applying the action step from last week go?

JONAH - WEEK 3: New Direction

Point: REPENTANCE is God's graced filled invitation to **RETHINK** the direction of our lives.

Do you need to change directions?

SERMON TEXTS: Jonah 3

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (use as needed to facilitate discussion and leave time for action step)

DISCOVER

Let's dig into the text together and discover what's happening in this passage.

Have someone read Jonah 3 out loud.

- 1. What are some similarities and differences between Jonah 1:1-3 and Jonah 3:1-3? (The word of the Lord came twice to Jonah with the same instruction to "go" and with the same message for Nineveh. God does not change. Jonah refused to go the first time but after God got his attention, he obeyed the second time.)
- 2. Repentance means to change direction. We see that God's plan was for BOTH Jonah and the Ninevites to repent and change direction. What led them each to repent? (God's kindness leads us to repentance. They each received warnings and a second chance, and it made them want to respond in obedience. He had the same mercy for them both, the "righteous" and the unrighteous.)
- 3. How might God's handling of Jonah be an encouragement to us in our obedience? (You have no idea what God might do through your obedience. We learn that running from God doesn't work. Getting what we think we want doesn't always end like we expect it will. If we ran from God's call, we have a chance to stop running, repent and turn back to Him. Jonah's obedience led to the king of Nineveh repenting and God changing his mind to destroy a city.)

DEEPEN

Now, let's dive deeper into God's Word and see how we might apply it to our lives.

4. Where have you experienced God giving you an undeserved second chance and how did you respond? What did you learn about God through that experience? (Answers will vary.)

5. The story of Jonah really speaks to the idol of comfort. This idol can lead us to a life revolving around what we want, what is familiar or easy. Where is God challenging you to declare Christ is the ONE thing driving everything through stepping out of comfort and into obedience? (Answers will vary.)

ACTION STEP

Are you being warned? God warned Jonah and the Ninevites about their sin. What is God warning you about through the sermon? Grab a partner and share the conviction God is giving you. Identify the first step it will take to turn FROM what poses a threat to you and turn TOWARD God's best for you. Commit to checking in with your partner later in the week for accountability and support.

