

## Small Group Discussion Questions - Winter Semester // Week Six

*Remember, these questions are just tools for discussion. You don't need to 'get through them all'. Use the questions that are helpful, skip the questions that are not. And let the conversation flow naturally.*

### Optional Ice Breaker(s)

- a) What is one of your favorite 'missionary stories'? Share it with the group, if you have one.
- b) What is one of your favourite cities that you have ever visited in your life? What do you love about this city? What are some of your favourite things about Winnipeg?
- c) What are a few of your favourite board games to play with your family/friends? Are you competitive during board games, or do you prefer to simply have fun?

### Passage and Discussion

#### Read Jonah 3

- a) What stands out to you upon first reading of this passage? What is a theme, verse, or word that you find encouraging? What do you find challenging in this passage?
- b) After he's back on dry land, God gives the same command to Jonah: "go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you". What does this tell you about the "second chance" that God offers to us? What does this verse tell us about God's grace and mercy?
- c) Have you ever been surprised by a "second chance" that God has given to you? Have you ever been surprised that God does not give up on us? Share about a particular time that you experienced God's mercy and renewal in your own life.
- d) Read **Titus 3:5-8**. What does this passage tell us about our salvation through Christ Jesus? Also, what does this passage tell us about our calling? What do you think it means to "devote yourselves to doing good"?
- e) As Jonah responded to God's "second chance", Cam taught us that Jonah responded to this calling immediately. Why do you think that Jonah responded to God's calling so quickly? How does God's mercy and grace bring us to a place of obedience?
- f) As with Jonah, it is important that we use God's Word as the primary source of all we say and teach. What are a few of the platforms that God has given to you in your own life? How can you use this platform to let God speak through you?
- g) Read **Isaiah 55:10-11**. How does knowing that God's Word will accomplish its purpose, give us confidence in sharing it?

- h) In our passage, we read about how the Ninevites turned to God in repentance. However, as Cam taught us on Sunday, God had already been working in Nineveh. How have you seen God at work in the lives of other people, even before they knew about Him? How can this truth encourage us as we share the Gospel with the people in our lives?
- i) Tell us about a time when God asked you to do something that you were scared to do. What happened when you were obedient? What did you learn about God's power and faithfulness during that experience?
- j) Read **Romans 10:5-15**. What does this passage tell us about the importance of sharing the Gospel with other people? What opportunities do you have this week to share with those in your life?
- k) During this whole series, we have reflected on obedience and disobedience. To ask the question that Cam asked us on Sunday: where has God been calling you to serve? What excuse have you been using to avoid being obedient to this calling?
- l) Was there anything else in the message on Sunday that stood out to you as impactful or challenging?

### **Take it Home (Optional Ideas for Response this Week)**

- a) This week, take a few minutes to pray and reflect on the "second chances" that God has offered to you in your own life. How has He been faithful to you, even as you have been unfaithful to Him? Praise Him for his faithfulness to us.
- b) This week, take note of the different platforms that you have in your everyday life (relationships? work? school? social media?) Ask God to help you see how you can use these platforms to let Him speak and work through you.

### **Optional Ideas for Prayer Time**

- a) In this season, it is important for us to be intentionally praying for each other. This also means that we must each choose to be honest and vulnerable with our prayer requests. Take time to 'check-in' about how each person is doing, and pray for them.
- b) As a group, pray that each person in your group would use their platform to let God speak through them to the people around them. Pray that each person would be encouraged to share God's word in their everyday lives.