

Group Discussion Guide - Week of 2.26.23 to 3.4.23

This guide is designed to help you create space for real connection and conversation with your group. Don't feel any pressure to answer every question each week. Instead, let the Holy Spirit lead you as you lead your group in discovering what God wants to speak to you all.

Loving (20min)

15min: Questions for Conversation & Accountability

- Q1. How have you seen God at work in your life over the past week?
- Q3. What was one high and one low from the past week?
- Q4. How did you do in living out what we talked about last week?

5min: Prayer Requests

- Q. How can we be praying for you this coming week?

Learning (30min)

10min: Reflecting on Sunday's Message:

- Q1. What did you agree with, disagree with, or have a question about?
- Q2. If you could ask Tyler one question about the message, what would it be?

20min: Reflecting on Scripture

1. Read Jonah 4 aloud together
 - a. This chapter records two conversations between God and an angry petty, pouting Jonah. How does God's willingness to participate in this back and forth reinforce Jonah's own backhanded praise of God in 4:2?
 - b. How does Jonah's attitude toward the people of Nineveh, seeing them as the problem, keep him from fully participating in the awakening God had begun among the people of the city?
 - c. Tyler lifted up this quote from Tim Keller, *"As long as serving God fit into Jonah's goals for God's people....he was fine with that...he was using God to serve his 'real god,'"* which was really his own, selfish desires. Have you experienced this same struggle in your own life? Can you think of a time when your perspective of God's objective was skewed and caused you to dehumanize someone or a group of people for your own purposes, comfort, or to give you a pass on extending grace to them?

Living (10min)

This week, spend time asking God to show you where you might be attempting to use him to get what you want out of life, rather than aiming your life at his purposes. If you need words to help you with this, try lifting up this prayer: *"Jesus, light of the world, as I follow You today, would you illuminate the darkness within me and around me. Show me Your presence and Your path as I welcome the light of Your life."* (adapted from John 8:12 in the Lectio365 app).