

RIVERS CROSSING COMMUNITY CHURCH

Community Group Discussion Guide
March 12, 2017



Jonah – Week #2

INTRO:

We live in a “When – Then” mentality. When _____ happens, then I’ll do _____. Often times we have this thought when we approach God, but we have this perspective about lots of other things too... When the holidays are over, I’ll start eating healthy. When I get a raise, I’ll start saving more. When my kids get older, we’ll start having date nights again... Share a “When – Then” plan you recognize in your life right now.

DIVE IN:

This week we dive into Jonah 2. The message this week is all about understanding God’s discipline in the lives of those he loves. Instead of looking at Jonah though, we are going to dive into another passage about God’s discipline. Read Hebrews 12:4-11 together as a group.

1. When times get tough, do you automatically blame the devil or do you recognize that perhaps God is working in your life to discipline you in his goodness?
2. Proverbs 3 is quoted in the Hebrews passage you just read and Paul references it as a word of encouragement. Does Hebrews 12:5-7 seem encouraging to you?
3. There’s a difference between discipline and punishment. Talk about how you’ve experienced the two and how they’re different.
4. Depending on your childhood, sometimes the experience of discipline can be skewed. We project our family experience onto God as father and it affects our understanding of God’s discipline. How do you emotionally respond to Hebrews 12:7-11?
5. How have you experienced a time of discipline in your life that later produced good results?
6. If you’re a parent, you know there’s a difference in response from your kids between being truly sorry and simply being sorry that they got caught. Which way do you usually respond when God brings discipline in your life?
7. Think back to Jonah – it was at the bottom (literally and figuratively) that he turned to God. When God disciplines you, when do you turn to Him? Does He get your attention quickly or do you keep fighting the correction?
8. Where do you see God’s grace in your life in times you’ve experienced His discipline?

NOW WHAT:

1. What part of this week’s message has had the greatest impact on you? What truth(s) has God taught you through the message and our group discussion?

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2. What do you need to do with that truth this week to become a fully engaged follower of Jesus?