

GOD'S

Heart

GROUP FOCUS QUESTIONS

Week of: February 14-21, 2021

Text: Ezekial 16, Luke 22:39-46

GETTING STARTED:

Do you have any hobbies? What are your favorite hobbies and what are some hobbies you would be interested in picking up?

Do you have a "passion" or a "heart" for something? This could be something like a hobby but driven by conviction and/or belief.

DIGGING IN:

Open up the book of Jonah. Have one or a couple people try to summarize the story of Jonah.

What parts are the most memorable? What parts would you give the most emphasis?

In Jonah 4:2, Jonah quotes Ex. 34:1-7. What particular things does this passage (Ex 34) tell us about who God is? Why does Jonah quote it and why is important for him in the moment?

Jonah engages in three directions – In, Out, and Up. Inwardly, toward his own self and his own conscience. Outwardly, toward others, foreigners and strangers. Upwardly, directly with God through prayer and commission. Where do you see/identify these directions in the book of Jonah?

DIGGING DEEPER:

Are there any Bible verses that haunt you? Are there any things that Jesus said in the Gospels that would make your life and faith a whole lot easier if they didn't exist? (Easy example is the "Golden Rule" – "Do unto others what you would have them do unto you." Matt 5).

What about a "hard teaching" makes it hard for you? (e.g. putting an idea into practice, changing the way you think about someone/something, looking inside etc.)

Jonah engages in three dimensions – In, Out, Up. Which direction will you focus on this week? Inwardly reflecting and confessing to another in practicing transparency? Outwardly, extending a hand or engaging with a stranger in the name of Jesus? Upwardly, by devoting time, thought, and discipline directly to God?

PRAYER SUGGESTION:

Pray for all those who will move to Idaho this week. Pray that the Church in our valley and Ten Mile Christian Church in particular might be a light and a "city on a hill." Pray that we would have soft hearts and open arms, that people might come to know Jesus through our witness.