

## **GROUP QUESTIONS: Jonah, week 1: w/ Pastor Mindy**

Church Announcements: Pride Information Mtg. Sunday, March 5

1. How are you showing up to this space tonight? Tell us in weather terms (ie. stormy, partly sunny, etc)
2. Take a minute to summarize with your group the main point of the message from Sunday and/or briefly share what stood out to you the most.
3. How would you describe your current orientation to reading or engaging with the Bible?
4. Do you have what Mindy referred to as “bible baggage”? When you read your Bible do you feel pressure to get something big from it or to be changed by it or to explain away the things that bother you? What things come to mind when you read the text?
5. Mindy mentioned several things about the book of Jonah - it's one of the youngest books in the Hebrew text. It has some very clear structure (ie. the conversation between YHWH and Jonah where they each get 47 words). Nineveh has a king, who remains nameless while also playing a big role in the story. Did any of these facts influence your reading of the text or enrich your understanding of Jonah's story? If so, explain.
6. What stood out to you from the reading of Jonah 1:1-16? Did you hear anything you hadn't heard before? Did you hear anything in a new way? Did you enjoy hearing something familiar?
7. Mindy suggested we approach this study of Jonah with the simple goal to - Look for what's there! How does that land for you? Do you find that approach helpful or useful? If so, how? Do you find that too simple? If so, how do you prefer to approach the story?