

GROUP QUESTIONS: Jonah Wk 3 w/ Pastor Mindy

Announcements:

Game Night coming up on Saturday, April 1

Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, March 26

1. If you could learn one new skill what would it be?
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. Jared Byas says, "The beauty of an ambiguous Bible is that it gives us the opportunity to have fruitful dialogue and conversation; it allows an ancient text to have renewed meaning in each generation and around the world." How does this resonate with you? What causes you to pause and/or what excites you about this idea? Why?
4. Mindy read a portion of the Descent of Innana, a Sumerian myth, which refers to a three day journey to the underworld. Following Jonah for Normal People's lead, we read scripture citing very similar wording and ideas about the underworld and dangerous, existential journeys. What thoughts or questions do you have about Jesus (and others) journeying to the underworld? Discuss. (Gen. 22:4, Ex. 3:18, Mt 12:40, Acts 2:31, Eph. 4:7-10)
5. Jonah for Normal People talks about the ways the idea of Sheol or Hades has adapted over the years. How do you feel or what do you think about the idea that Sheol, Hades, hell or heaven are concepts that have shifted throughout time? Specifically that they are concepts that have at times been vague or almost non-existent versus other times

when everything in the christian world seemed to be centered around going to or avoiding these places?

6. Have you experienced a difficult, three day and three night journey in your life? If you would be willing to share, what resonated with you from the message about that experience? When you were/are in the middle of this type of experience did you find yourself calling out to God, avoiding God, surrendering to the situation, fighting it or all of the above?

7. How might we let each other know when we are on a tough journey and need support? How might we support each other through really difficult and dark seasons?