

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

WEEK OF OCTOBER 16, 2016

CURRENT SERIES: JONAH RUNNING FROM GOD
JONAH 1:17-2:10

God redeems the repentant. Repentance is to be the sum total of the Christian life.

Ice Breaker:

Describe a time when you experienced God's grace through biblical repentance - a change of mind, heart and behavior.

1. A repentant heart acknowledges God's discipline (1:17-2:3). God never rejects a repentant person! What might be going on in your life that is your current "fish belly": your darkest place of anger, rebellion, fear or despair? Can you find scripture that can change your mind about this sin? When do you tend to consider that sin "unredeemable"? Maybe it's "too great", or so persistent that you've given up ever walking in obedience. Find Scripture that speaks of God's forgiveness, and/or look for biblical examples of a redeemed life.

2. A repentant heart trusts God's redeeming love (2:4-6). Jonah felt "divorced from God" because of his rebellion and God's discipline. "Yet" ...there is no rebellion that Jesus can't redeem! Is there someone you know that seems "beyond redemption"? Pray for them together.

3. A repentant heart pursues God's presence (2:7). God is everywhere, all the time.

In regard to your sin, how do your actions this month reveal that you are trying to flee from God? Can you find a truth about God from His Word that should make you turn and flee TOWARD Him. Cry out to God that you would pursue His presence with a new behavior.

4. A repentant heart worships God alone (2:8-9). An idol is anything more important to you than God. Fill in the blanks of these two statements:

"As long as I have _____, everything is good and I'm ok."

"If I were to ever lose _____, my life would completely fall part and I wouldn't make it." It could be a person, possession, hobby, health, addiction, status, comfort, etc. Pray for one another, for genuine repentance: a change of mind, heart and direction.