

JONAH

AND THE GREAT CITY

Questions for Application for the Week of April 12, 2015

Jonah and the Great City

Part 1 - Running from God

Jonah 1:1-3

Icebreaker: Do you have any initial thoughts about beginning our series in Jonah? Are there things you have learned in the past from this book?

1. What was difficult about God's call to Jonah? Are there any general observations you can make on the what God calls us to do? Use other Bible examples or personal stories.

2. When Jonah ran from God how was he in practice denying the presence of God? In what ways do we deny the presence of God during our week? What difference does living with an awareness of the presence of God make in your life?

3. Why did Jonah run from God (Jonah 4:2)? What other verses speak to the attributes of God listed in Jonah 4:2? Do you ever "run" from the character of God?

4. We looked at three ways that Jonah failed to share the heart of God:

Jonah did not share God's sensitivity to sin.

Jonah did not share God love for people.

Jonah did not share God's heart of grace.

What areas can you be encouraged by God's heart toward us and the world? How can you grow in sharing that heart?

5. Do you agree with this statement "Action pours forth from the heart"? If you do agree, why is it important for us as individuals as a part of this church to share the heart of God?

Possible Question for Breakout:

- What are some ways that you run? How can your Life Group help chase after you when you do?
- How have you seen evidence of God's grace in your life this past week?