



HOUSE GROUPS

HOUSE Groups: Discussion Questions:

Jonah 1:1-3

(Memory Verse)

Jonah 4:2 NKJV - *2 ...I know that You [are] a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, One who relents from doing harm.*

(Jonah 1:1-2): 1 NKJV - Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, **2** "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before Me."

Question: What kind of city was Nineveh, and were the Ninevites friends, or foes of the Nation of Israel?

Question: What are your thoughts on *why* the Lord would call Jonah, an Israelite, to warn the City of Nineveh, and not just ask a Nivevite?

Question: What happens in our lives when someone hurts us?

Question: How would you feel if God told you to do something good for someone that you don't like at all, and has a terrible history of mistreating others?

Question: What are the 3 things that the Lord told Jonah to do in verse 2?

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Question: Putting off what God is telling you to do does not make it go away. How does procrastination play into hindering the work of the Lord, and the command He has given us?

Question: What is the best way to accomplish what God is telling you to do?

Question: The people of Nineveh were wicked, and the enemies of Israel. Why would God be concerned with the Ninevites?

READ: 2 Peter 3:9 - what does this tell us about the heart of God?

Thought: *Though Jonah seemed to be the least qualified and most unlikely person to reach the Ninevites, God hand - picked him, appointed his duty, and called for his obedience. Social relations, and selfish pursuits must give way to every command of God.*

(Jonah 1:3): **3** But Jonah arose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa, and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid the fare, and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD.

Question: Why did Jonah run?

Question: Is it possible to run from the presence of God?

READ: *Psalm 139:7-12*

Question: Jonah obviously had a great love for his own people, and hated those that were evil. However, how does prejudice blind the mind, ruin the attitude, and degrade the man or woman of God?

Question: Do favorable circumstances in departing from God mean you're going to have a successful venture?

Question: What advice would you give someone that has been called by God to do something they don't want to do, and they're running from it?

Thought: *Our own wisdom is a worthless guide for we are often more diligent in working our own ruin than in seeking our salvation.*