



Jonah was a good and religious man who loved God. But Jonah lacked a heart for lost people. The story of Jonah is God exposing and re-shaping Jonah's heart (and our heart) with the heart of Jesus for the nations.

REFLECT (10 Minutes)

What is the biggest fish you have ever caught? For real.

Describe a time when you had a near death experience and the thoughts that went through your mind.

Was there anything new or interesting that grabbed you from the teaching Sunday?

DIG DEEPER (20-30 Minutes)

What is your first impression when you think of the word "missionary"?

Is it difficult for you to consider yourself God's missionary, in Langley and in everyday life? Why do you think that is?

Have you ever asked the Lord, "God, do you want me to go to a mission field overseas?" What was that process like? If not, why not?

How does the story of Jonah show the heart of God the Father as a missionary God?

In the same way Jonah went to Nineveh, Jesus came into the world. If this is true or paradigmatic for the church, where do you think God has called his church to go? (*Answer: dark, unjust, and broken places)

Pastor Darren asked a cutting question Sunday morning: "Is to hate someone any worse than to not care at all?" Spend some time discussing this question.

RESPOND (10-15 Minutes)

The reality is we do not love people like God loves people. We need our hearts to be transformed. This happens in part for Jonah when he finds himself in the belly of a fish. Read Jonah's prayer in 2:1-10. On a scale of 1-10, what level of distress do you have to reach before you cry out to God and surrender? What have you had to surrender more recently?

What do you think surrender or perhaps participation in the mission of God could look like at this stage in your life? How would costly surrender impact this?

PRAY (10 Minutes)

Spend some time praying for our Global Missionaries in the Field Notes journal. Then take a bit of time to pray for one another in specific areas where you are intentionally on mission in your life.

LEADER NOTES

These questions are a guide; feel free to use/exclude ones as people may have already answered the question or talked about the theme OR if your group takes a long time to tackle one particular theme it's ok to skip over questions in the interest of time/focus.