

*Would you like to join a Small Group at Fellowship Bible Church?*

Most existing groups are open to new group members, and new groups begin on a regular basis. If you have friends in a small group, ask about joining their group. If you are new to Fellowship and are looking for a place to connect, please feel free to contact us and we can help you find the right group.

**Leader Tips:**

1. The sermon notes are designed to be used as a guide for discussion. Don't feel like you have to use every question. Some questions will take a while to work through, others will be over in a few seconds!
2. Don't teach the lesson. The sermon was taught on Sunday morning. Just ask questions and let everyone else talk.
3. Let other people ask questions. It's OK to go "off topic" for a while. Sometimes those conversations are more interesting anyway!
4. Have fun. Relationships, not curriculum, are the heartbeat of Small Groups. So have fun with the people in your group.

*Agenda for a Small Group Meeting*

**Gathering Time**

Take 15-20 minutes to welcome everyone, catch up, and share some food!

**Discussion Time**

Here's a suggested format:

1. **Ice Breaker** – Lighthearted ice-breaker question (15-20 min.)
2. **Discussion** - Discussion time, Bible study, application challenge (30-40 min.)
3. **Prayer** – Prayer requests and praying for one another (15-30 min.)
4. **Planning** – Keep the vision before the group, HEALTH planning, etc. (10 minutes)

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Our City: God's Heart for Us  
**Mission Possible**  
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**Break the Ice!**

Some of my past missions:

- Rid the world of shag carpet.
- Make more money than I can spend.
- Learn to program my VCR.
- Discover what's lurking in the back of my pantry.
- Learn the words to the Star Spangled Banner.
- Make sure everyone knows that *I'm right*.
- Survive the rush hour on South Cambell.
- Prove that I really am a success—*really!*
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What's one thing you've done, large or small, that seemed to really make a difference?

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**Talk it over!**

Read the entire book of Jonah out loud as a group. This may seem like a lot, but Jonah is only four chapters and is only two pages in most bibles. Have four people read one chapter.

What surprised you about Jonah? What does this story teach us about God?

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Mission: Where we join in with God's love reaching out to the world.

Through Jonah, God shows us what kind of heart for the city we are supposed to have by showing us His heart.

What Jonah sees and what God sees when looking at a city.

1. Jonah saw the problems, God saw the people.

Question: What problems do you see in our city?

- Traffic
- Drugs
- The politics
- Poverty
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Question: How do you think God sees the problems in our city?

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2. Jonah wanted to destroy the city, God wanted it saved.

Question: What evidence do you see that God is moving in our city?

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3. Jonah saw the sin and hated the sinners, God saw the sinners and loved them anyway.

Question: What kind of thoughts do you have towards people in your life?

- I am so good at being selfish that I don't really think about other people.
- I only think about how to use people for my own good.
- I hope for the best for other people.
- When I think about other people I am happy...people make me happy.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What Jonah feels and what God feels when looking at the city.

1. Jonah felt anger and prejudice, God felt love and mercy.

Question: Do you believe that prejudice is alive today? Or have we moved past it as a society? Explain your answer.

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2. Jonah felt hate because it was filled with sin, God felt love because it was filled with sinners.

Question: How do you think God views you and your sin? Does God's view of yourself affect the way you view other sinners?

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3. Jonah's concern was out of whack, God's concern was on target

For Discussion: Share a time in your life when your concern for people was out of whack?

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What will we do?

God, change my heart.

Jonah's problems are:

1. No heart for the people of the city.
2. No room for a God who does have a heart for the people of the city.

Question: Something I could do to help my heart for the city to become more like God's.

- Just believe!
- Talk to him every day.
- Take the next step in following his lead.
- Stop long enough to listen
- Enjoy his presence in my life.
- Start serving somewhere
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What will Fellowship be? A beating heart of God in the heart of our city.

Work It Out!

One thing I'll do differently because of this sermon:

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