Home Group Discussion Guide for Jonah 1: A Chosen & Redeemed Failure

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The following questions are designed to help groups explore the message above by challenging participants to consider how God is wanting them to apply it to their lives.

The questions are a **guide** to help lead discussion.

Please don't feel that all questions need to be asked, instead respond to the needs of your group.

If you have new people in your group, take the opportunity to introduce each other and clarify any expectations that are present in your group (such as confidentiality).

GETTING STARTED

- What is a regular job/ chore that you really don't like to do?
 a. How do you try to avoid it?
- 2. What was the main challenge or idea that stood out to you from the message on Sunday?

REFLECTING ON THE MESSAGE

Key Scriptures: Jonah 1; Romans 8:28; Philippians 1:3-6

- 1. Take the opportunity to read Jonah chapter 1.
 - a. What stands out to you from Jonah's story?
 - b. What questions do you have? (It's ok if you don't have an answer to this)
- What were some of the ways in which Jonah disobeyed God?
 a. What can it look like for us to do this in our lives?
- 3. In Jonah 1:11-16 we see the sailors sacrificing to God. What are some ways that you have seen God redeeming people's stories of failure for His glory?a. What are some ways you have seen God doing this for you?
- 4. All throughout Jonah chapter 1 we see God continuing to choose Jonah to participate in His mission. Why is it so important to God to keep inviting Jonah to participate?

RESPONDING TO THE MESSAGE

- 1. What are some ways that you struggle to trust God?
- 2. Is there anything from Jonah's story that gives you hope in spite of struggling to trust?
- 3. What is one thing you want to take from Jonah's story in chapter 1?

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Over the Month of August we are celebrating what God is doing in our Church, and highlighting our 4 church values. This week's value is:



We Spiritually EQUIP People Towards Maturity in Christ.

- 1. Pray for God's guidance in identifying, and creating the right opportunities to EQUIP His people for the work He is calling them to
- 2. God, help me to see what **my next step is** in being equipped for the unique contribution you have for me to do in your kingdom.
- 3. Lord, we pray for wisdom as a Church as we seek to discern and identify the role of Indigenous Discipler Mentor, and for the right person/people for the role.

