

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

JONAH: PURSUED BY GRACE

Jonah is a comical story of an angry man resisting a merciful God. Jonah, the anti-hero prophet, hates that God loves people he hates. Jonah's attitudes and actions sneakily expose the darkness in our own hearts while announcing the grace in God's heart for all people. At its core, this small book asks us all whether we will resist the call and culture of the kingdom, or surrender to it.



WHEN YOU MEET:

Fortnight starting Sunday 31 July

PRAY: Share praise points and pain points, and think about who else around us might need prayer (e.g. those affected by floods, COVID, war...)

READ: Jonah 1

DISCUSS:

1. How does this passage challenge or broaden my understanding of who God is / what God is like? His compassion, mercy, love, peace faithfulness, forgiveness, grace, justice, etc...
2. In what ways is this passage changing my thinking regarding what it means to be a follower of Jesus? For example: how is it expanding my understanding; growing my love for others; encouraging me to keep following Jesus; showing me how I may have been going in the wrong direction (away from God).
3. How does this passage encourage me to actively reveal the love of Jesus? For example: How can I partner with the Holy Spirit in sharing the love of God with others through my words and my actions?
(e.g. what types of hospitality could you show to others?)

PRAY: Take 10 minutes to work through Examen together. You may want allow a few moments, afterwards, for people to share what happened. Find more information and audio files on the website:

<https://grlc.org.au/2020/10/08/daily-examen/>

MORE RESOURCES:

- Discipleship Resources Hub: grlc.org.au/discipleship-resources/
- Latest sermon: <https://grlc.org.au/grlc-hub/>
- Tim Mackie videos:
 - [Running From Your Life \(Intro + Jonah 1:1-3\)](#)
 - [Asleep at the Wheel \(Jonah 1\)](#)

