

God's Heart for the Whole World

Book of Jonah Wrap Up

Ice Breaker: What's your honest emotional reaction when you hear words like, 'personal evangelism' or 'reach out'? Fear? Nervousness? Guilt? Excitement? Why?

BIG IDEA: The Hero of the Book of Jonah is GOD, the Hound of Heaven, who finds a way to extend His grace to everyone in the story (Jonah 1-3). But it's not enough for God to accomplish His purpose in the world *through* us; He also wants to download His heart for the world *to* us (Jonah 4).

Digging Deeper:

- 1) Read Jonah 4:10-11. What is God's last word in the story? What does it tell us about God's heart for those who don't know Him?
- 2) If God has this same "concern" for those in our world who don't yet know Him – then what should our concern look like? Using Pastor Joshua's reflection questions from Sunday's message – discuss what this could look like – corporately and individually.
 - What if we all wore the 'Can I Help You?' lanyard on Sunday mornings?
 - What if our greatest act of worship on Sunday didn't happen in the sanctuary?
 - What if walking through the front doors of our church felt a little more like walking into a home?
 - What if we all viewed ourselves as missionaries to our neighborhoods?
 - What if we all began praying for God to open up doors with our neighbors?
 - What if we all looked for ways to build bridges with our neighbors?
 - What if we all took advantage of the power of the invitation?
 - What if we all jumped on board with what God is doing in Burundi?
 - What if we all lived as though reaching out to the lost is an essential part of being a fully-formed follower of Jesus?
- 3) Spend some time for WFMC (and your life group) to share God's "concern" for those who don't yet know Him.