

SMALL GROUP Q'S

Big Things Come from Small Sermons
October 19, 2014
Jonah 3:1-10

- 1.) When you read of the repentance and sparing of Nineveh, does it seem distant and removed from you? Why would you tend to feel something “big” like that wouldn’t happen in your life?

HINT: Consider objections like “They are too far gone,” “God couldn’t use me,” and “That never happens anymore.”

- 2.) How does it make you feel to think of ISIS turning to God and being saved ... or to think of all of Huntsville repenting and fasting? Are these fair comparisons? Why or why not?
- 3.) In what ways are you tempted to water down the seriousness of sin in your own life or in the lives of those you engage with? What are the dangers of this happening?

HINT: Remember MacArthur’s quotation: “Remove the reality of sin, and you take away the possibility of repentance. Abolish the doctrine of human depravity and you void the divine plan of salvation. Erase the notion of personal guilt and you eliminate the need for a Savior.”

- 4.) How does a personal messenger preaching mutual repentance help avoid the charge of being “preachy”?
- 5.) How does it help you to hear your pastors repent and share honest struggles? Who in your life would be helped by hearing you repent or share your struggles?
- 6.) What struck you in a new way this week about God’s merciful heart to the nations?
- 7.) Describe at least part of what the sign of Jonah means in terms a 10-year-old could understand. How does Jesus’ being greater than Jonah encourage you?

HINT: References for this are Luke 11:29-32 and Matthew 12:40-41. Also recall Sally Lloyd Jones’ picture of Jesus: “Everything God wanted to say to the world - in a person.”

- 8.) Discuss what “radical” Christianity and “faithful” Christianity might look like in your life. Where is God calling you to “preach”?



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