

# SMALL GROUP Q'S

The Heart of the Matter  
October 26, 2014  
Jonah 4:1-11

- 1.) Why did Will say the presence of chapter 4 in this story is both scary and encouraging? Do you feel more scared or encouraged when you consider it?
- 2.) Give yourself a spiritual heart cath. Where would you say are blockages that need to be addressed? Where do you struggle to share God's heart, his passions and priorities?  
  
HINT: Your calendar, your Facebook page, your checkbook are all places you can look if you need help seeing what you value. Asking others who know you what they see is most important to you can also be helpful.
- 3.) Which plants, "comforts" of life, are most precious to you? Is it sinful to care about them?
- 4.) Is it inherently sinful to take an anniversary trip to the beach with only your spouse? Is it inherently sinful to enjoy HeyDay or take a Spring Break vacation to Disney with only your family?  
  
HINT: It is actually deeply glorifying to God to enjoy and celebrate good gifts He has given to you; to invest in personal, marital, and familial renewal; to be thankful for his kindnesses to you.
- 5.) If you answered "NO" to number 4, good. ... As your heart begins to beat like your Father's, how will you think differently about these things than you do now?
- 6.) "The heart of the matter is a matter of HIS heart." Discuss.
- 7.) How have you seen the heart of God in a new way in the book of Jonah? What passions and priorities of the heart of God do you see in Jesus?  
  
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.) Imagine Jesus lived in HSV and attended Southwood (of course, right!?!). What things would be important to him? Where would you often find him, and what would he be doing?  
  
HINT: Don't forget to let Jesus come to HeyDay and take family vacation, too!
- 9.) What do you think it might look like in your life when your heart begins to beat like your Father's? How hard will it be to focus on your heart rather than merely your behaviors?



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