

Life Group Topic #5 February 8, 2009
Jonah II- Overwhelmed!

WELCOME: (15 minutes)

How have you felt overwhelmed by the circumstances of your life this past week?

WORSHIP: (15 minutes)

Use whatever means possible to turn the group's attention to the majesty of God.

WORD APPLICATION: (45 minutes)

Briefly read or paraphrase the following sermon summary and then discuss the application questions interspersed in the summary.

Being overwhelmed at times is a part of life but when was the last time that you were overwhelmed with God? The longer we have a relationship with Him, the more we feel that we know Him and the more content we feel with that knowledge. Yet an infinite God must always be larger than the boundaries of our finite minds...there will always be more to know, more to be overwhelmed with.

- **Explore these Scriptures together and consider the things that overwhelm you in regards to our God.**

Job 38:4-41

Ephesians 3:17-19

Review what happened in **Jonah 2:1 to Jonah 3:2**. Consider how God overwhelmed Jonah at the point he was thrown into the sea. Consider the steps that are present in what happens with Jonah.

- **Can you think of a time when God broke into your life in a way that was overwhelming?**
- **Does God use people who have rejected His call and even pursued a determined disobedience?**

As you review **Jonah 3**, what would you assume would be the response to the message Jonah brings to Nineveh? What do you think was the deciding factor in how the people responded?

Lets be honest...the exclusivism and finality of our doctrine of salvation is socially offensive...*I am the way, the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father except through me (John 14:6)* There are five missionary laws in Scripture...

1. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved...**Romans 10:13**
No calling...no salvation.
2. They cannot call on Him until they believe in Him...**Romans 10:14**
No believing...no calling.
3. They cannot believe until they hear...**Romans 10:14**
No hearing...no believing.
4. They cannot hear until someone tells them...**Romans 10:14**

- No telling...no hearing. .
5. They cannot tell until they are sent...**Romans 10:15**
No sending...no telling.

- **What do you struggle with in these laws?**
- **Do you know stories of what people are doing in *going to their neighborhoods*...involvement in coaching, social needs, parent teacher groups etc. Can you collect those stories and send them to the church office? Do you have an inner calling to be a part of a group of people who focus on neighborhoods?**
- **As we move toward these Reaching Our City weekends how could you be involved?**

February 28-March 1...Reaching the NEIGHBORHOODS of our city

March 28-29...Reaching the POOR of our city

April 25-26...Reaching the INDO-CANADIANS of our city

May 30-31...Reaching the MARGINALIZED of our city

June 27-28...Reaching the WORKPLACES of our city

September 26-27...Reaching the STUDENTS of our city

October 24-25...Reaching the PRISONS of our city.

- What are the stories?
- Who are the champions?
- What is God doing?
- **What is your affinity...the ministry area that draws you?**

WITNESS: (15 minutes)

This section is a vision-casting time designed to get the group strategizing and making concrete plans towards reaching outward to a lost world. Relational outreach always has the goal of ultimately enfolding those we reach into the Life Group.