## **STUDY GUIDE: ESCAPE**

"Change" (Jonah 3:1-10)

## **Discussion Starters**

- 1. Why do you change when you do?
- 2. What do you want to change in your life?

**Study:** Read the third chapter of Jonah in preparation for the following questions in at least two translations (not a paraphrase).

3. To complete the next section of the study guide, you will need to use a Bible Dictionary. Remember, the words listed below are from the NASU, but the word you are trying to define is the Greek word translated by the NASU—NOT the English word. If you have any questions about how to use these tools, contact your group leader or one of the pastoral staff.

Define the following words or terms, and note how understanding this term helps you understand the passage.

- ---"proclaim" (3:2)— --"tell" (3:2)— --"overthrown" (3:4)— --"God" (3:5)— --"ashes" (3:6)— --"turn" (3:8)— --"violence" (3:8)— --"relented" (3:10)—
- 3. What has changed since the first time the word of the Lord came to Jonah?
- 4. What does "believe" mean in 3:5?

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- 5. What was the purpose of a fast?
- 6. What was sackcloth, and what was the purpose of sackcloth and ashes?
- 7. What changes did the people of Nineveh make?
- 8. What was the motivation of the people of Nineveh for changing? What other motivations lead people to such change?

**Taking It Home** (You won't be able to answer these questions without first answering the questions above.)

9. What is your motivation when you change?

10. As Christians, we are made ambassadors for Christ. Do you believe you are given the same task as Jonah in this world? Please explain.

11. How have you responded to God's call (see question 10)? If you are not proclaiming the gospel, what is your motivation for running from God's call?