

Rise Up

... to Mission – Jonah 1:2; 3:2

Discussion Points

October 24, 2021

Read/Reflect

1. Read or review the story of Jonah. How do you relate to Jonah? Do you sympathize with him, or do you side with God and become frustrated with Jonah?
2. Reflect on Jonah 1:2 and 3:2 with respect to taking direction from God, the reputation of Nineveh, and the consequences of Jonah's actions. What do you think motivated Jonah in each of the (different) responses?

Explore

3. How do you pay attention to God's call in your life?
 - I'm constantly listening for his voice
 - God really has to get my attention
 - "Nah, that can't be God!"
 - "I'm right on it!"
4. Have you ever received a second chance from God? How hard is it for you to be motivated by God's compassion?
5. If "the city" is wherever God has called you, how do you see your purpose and mission?
 - I have to save the city, for God.
 - It's no use, the city won't listen to me.
 - The city doesn't deserve saving.
 - I'll do anything to show off God's love.
 - I'm too busy, I'll do it later.
 - Can't you find someone else to do it.
6. Do you have "Ninevites" in your life, people to whom showing God's compassion is challenging? How can you develop compassion for them?
7. When have you felt "crowned with love and compassion" (Psalm 103:4)?

Pray

- ✝ Pray for a heart that is shaped around God's way of loving.
- ✝ Pray: *Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in endless praise.*



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