

## Monday—Read Jonah Chapter 1

- Jonah wanted to flee because the people of Nineveh had been cruel to his people. What hard thing has God asked you to do?
- Focus on Verse 5—Jonah falls asleep when everyone else is panicking. What ineffective coping mechanism do you rely on? How could God be a better answer for you?
- Focus on Verse 12—Jonah did the hard thing, even though he had been running from it. What hard thing do you need to do for your life/vision/future?
- Focus on Verse 18—Most of the time we consider our difficulties curses, but God 'provided' a great fish for Jonah so he would not drown. Spend some time thanking God for even the tough stuff in your life.

## Tuesday—Read Jonah Chapter 2

- This is a record of Jonah's thoughts from within the great fish. What would your prayer be like if you were in the same spot?
- Focus on Verse 3—Jonah says that God has hurled him into this situation. Have you been in hard situations that God allowed for your own good? What was He trying to teach you?
- Focus on Verse 10—As nasty as it sounds, this is a verse about release. Where do you need release in your life? Pray and ask God to see if you're ready for release.

## Wednesday—Read Jonah Chapter 3

- Focus on Verse 1-3—Jonah is given a second chance to obey. Identify an area or two in which you have not obeyed God. Ask God for a second chance and then make a plan.
- Focus on Verse 4-6—Jonah's enemies heard from God and changed their lives. What emotion should Jonah have? When your enemies find blessing, how do you feel?
- Focus on Verse 10—Jonah spent his life serving God, and the Ninevites just repented, but God spared them both. Why should we appreciate this, even if it seems unfair?

## Thursday—Read Jonah Chapter 4

- Focus on Verse 1-3—What words best describe Jonah's attitude? When have you ever had the same feelings? Why?
- Focus on Verse 4—God asks a question about Jonah's right to be angry and illustrates it with a shade tree He provides. Summarize what God was trying to teach?
- Focus on Verse 10-11—God says he values people very much? Has God asked you to suffer a little in some area for the sake of His love for people? Where? When? How?

## Friday—Re-Read Jonah Chapters 1-4

- I know it sounds like a lot to read, but it's not (don't cheat and say you've already read it).
- See how God's vision for Jonah's life differed and how God redirected him. How is God redirecting your vision for life?

# One: One Vision

## Devotional Materials

Week of Oct 8-12, 2007

Book of Jonah



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Mark 10:46-52

Oct 6/7, 2007

Series Week 2 of 3



## The Elements of Finding Vision

Mark 10:46 Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (that is, the Son of Timaeus), was sitting by the roadside begging. <sup>47</sup> When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

<sup>48</sup> Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

<sup>49</sup> Jesus stopped and said, "Call him."

So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you." <sup>50</sup> Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.

<sup>51</sup> "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him.

The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see."

<sup>52</sup> "Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.