

Heaven's Guest List

THE STORY OF ONE TICKED OFF PROPHET

Jonah 4:1-11

TWO THINGS TO REMEMBER

Jonah 4:2/ Matthew 1:1-17/ Matthew 9:9-13/ Luke 19:1-10/ 1 Timothy 2:3-6

- ▶ THE KIND OF **GOD** WE HAVE.

- ▶ THE KIND OF PEOPLE HE **INVITES**.

ONE THING WE NEED TO ASK OURSELVES

Ephesians 5:1/ 1 Corinthians 13:1-4

- ▶ AM I MORE LIKE **JESUS** OR **JONAH**?

HOW TO DEAL WITH A NINEVITE THE RIGHT WAY

Daniel 1-6/ 2 Timothy 2:24-26/ 1 Corinthians 13:1-4/ 1 Peter 3:14-17/ Matthew 5:43-46

- ▶ Be a **Daniel** – not a **Jonah**

- ▶ Never **argue** – **listen** & **discuss**

- ▶ Be **kind** – to **EVERYONE**

- ▶ Be prepared to **instruct** – **if asked**

- ▶ Get rid of ALL **resentment** – **it's a spiritual cancer**

Growth Group Homework

For the week of May 31, 2009

This is our final week of the Spring Quarter. Along with an abbreviated study, you will take some time to reflect on your group experience and then have communion together. You will also fill out Feedback Forms about your group experience and your plans for the Fall. Growth Groups will take a summer break and resume the week of September 20th. *Thanks for being part of your Growth Group and have a great summer!*



IF YOU'D LIKE TO CONTINUE IN A SUMMER STUDY, NCU HAS SEVERAL CLASSES. YOU CAN FIND A LIST OF THE CLASSES OFFERED ON THE BACK PAGE OF THIS HOMEWORK. WATCH THE BULLETIN AND HOT SHEET FOR MORE DETAILS.

MY STORY

Summer is just around the corner! Do you have any special plans, activities or prayer requests for the next few months?

This past weekend we took a look at the final chapter in the Book of Jonah. Was there a particular point, comment, or verse that caught your attention, challenged you or confused you?

DIGGING DEEPER

This weekend we heard that we don't want to forget the kind of God we have or the people He invites to the table. How do these verses reinforce these two ideas?

Psalm 145:8-9

The Lord is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and rich in love.

[9] The Lord is good to all;
he has compassion on all he has made. [NIV]

Micah 7:18-19

Who is a God like you,
who pardons sin and forgives the transgression
of the remnant of his inheritance?

You do not stay angry forever
but delight to show mercy.
[19] You will again have compassion on us;
you will tread our sins underfoot
and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea. [NIV]

Luke 19:40-41

"I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."
[41] As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it [NIV]

Romans 5:6-8

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. [7]
Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly
dare to die. [8] But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners,
Christ died for us. [NIV]

Which one of these verses motivates you the most to have a compassionate faith and
impact others for Christ?

Is there a trait listed in the verses above or a certain way to “deal with the Ninevites” from
the sermon that you’d like your group to pray for you over the summer?

REMEMBERING HOW GOD HAS WORKED

One of the ways to be encouraged to effectively live out our faith is teaming up and living life
with others. Looking back at this past year, how has your Growth Group experience encouraged
or challenged you to put this into action?

One of the keys to living “more like Jesus rather than Jonah” is remembering what God has
done for us. That’s why Jesus told the disciples at the Last Supper to repeatedly come together
and take communion. It would remind them of His total commitment of love and faithfulness to
all as revealed in His life, death and resurrection.

This week your Growth Group will conclude by doing as the disciples did by taking communion
together. To prepare for this, read the following verses and reflect on Jesus’ commitment and
work in your life as you follow Him.

Psalms 103:8-13

The Lord is compassionate and gracious,

slow to anger, abounding in love.
[9] He will not always accuse,
nor will he harbor his anger forever;
[10] he does not treat us as our sins deserve
or repay us according to our iniquities.
[11] For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him;
[12] as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.
[13] As a father has compassion on his children,
so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him; [NIV]

John 15:9-15

"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. [10] If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. [11] I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. [12] My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. [13] Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. [14] You are my friends if you do what I command. [15] I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. [NIV]

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, [24] and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." [25] In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." [26] For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. [NIV]