



Risk In Following God's Call

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Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time: "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you." Jonah obeyed the word of the Lord

and went to Nineveh. Jonah 3:1-3a (NIV)

⇒ God acts as it pleases _____, not as it pleases us.

Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown." Jonah 3:3b-4 (NIV)

⇒ Is our faith about _____ or is it about _____?

The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth. Jonah 3:5 (NIV)

⇒ Being a _____ Christian is not the same as following Christ.

⇒ Belief in God means taking _____ to show that we trust Him.

⇒ The Ninevites take a risk in trusting that God's judgement of _____ is better than their own.

Jonah 3:6-9

⇒ Nineveh's response shows that even the most _____ people are within God's love and reach.

Jonah 3:10

⇒ God's kingdom "overthrows Nineveh." What needs to be overthrown in your _____?

⇒ Is following Jesus worth the _____ to you?

For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. Matthew 16:25

Q: What type of risk do you need to take?

ANSWER KEY: Him, Jesus, us, successful, action, good & evil, unlikely, kingdom, risk



Study & Discussion for Your Next Small Group

Theme: *Taking a risk in following God's call*

Warm Up: Have you ever wondered, is following Jesus really worth the risk?

Sermon Response: What was a "take-away" you received from Sunday's message?

Read: Jonah 3

- Why do you think that Jonah is now obedient to God's call after running away in chapter 1?
- Why do you think Jonah is giving so little effort when he preaches to Nineveh?
- How is Jonah still holding himself back from trusting in God when he preaches to the Ninevites?
- In what ways do you still hold back from trusting fully in God?
- The Ninevites respond and show they believe in God. Does your life reflect your belief in God?
- Do you believe God's judgement of good and evil is better than your own judgement? Does your life reflect this?
- Who is someone that you don't think would ever follow God? How is God calling you to love them?
- God's kingdom changes Nineveh. How can he transform your kingdom?
- Is following Jesus worth the risk to you? Why?
- What type of risk do you need to take?

Prayer: Share needs and also ways God has answered prayer in your group