

## Growth Group Discussion

### Fall Session

#### Week 1

### Welcome back to a new semester of Growth Groups!

We use these times to *grow spiritually and to deepen our relationships.*

As this is the first week of a new semester, to make your group successful, discuss group logistics as well as to plan your fun activity and your service project.

### Growth Group Communication

Great communication is a key part of any group, so get to know people and swap contact info!

Ran into a jam?

If we have to miss a meeting we will call or text \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ to let the group know.

### Outside Activities

For our Service Project we will:

For our Fun Activity we will:

### Getting to Know You

- When do you feel most connected to God? (i.e. reading, praying, nature, solitude, serving the less fortunate, etc)
- What is something you can share with the group about yourself that is fun/unusual that not too many people know about?

### Getting Deeper

- Read Jonah 4. How did Jonah's resistance, anger, and bitterness hurt his relationship with God? In what ways was he hurting himself? Have you ever lost perspective like this?

### Taking It Home

- Was there something in the story of forgiving and advocating for the drunk driver that challenged your sense of forgiveness? If so, what?
- You don't have to say the exact specifics to the group, but are there any grudges you need to let go of? If so, what kind of weight has that been putting on you? How would it feel to be free? What do you think you need to do to take the next step to be free?
- Do you think that you experience and extend God's forgiveness as he really gives it out? Are you good at forgiving others? Are you good at forgiving yourself?
- Where do you think that God may want you to start a tsunami of good?

## **Family Reminders**

### **New Here?**

Attend our **Newcomer's Lunch**

**NEXT Sunday, September 25th at 12:30 p.m.**

This is a chance to meet a few new people, and hear a little bit more about our church family. Lunch is on us. To attend simply sign up at the Welcome Center at the back of the auditorium.

### **Discover Class**

Come join us Sundays at 10 am for this informal class where we learn about how our stories fit into God's Story. Questions and discussion are welcomed. See the Welcome Center to learn more or to sign up.

### **Growth Groups**

The next session of **Growth Groups** begins this week! If you're new to growth groups, want to learn more, or plan to switch groups, please see us at the Welcome Center.

### **HOPE worldwide Regional Conference**

**Saturday, September 24th**

**9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.**

You can work a two hour shift and stay for as much as the conference as you like. The whole event is free.

Please register for this event as soon as you are able at [www.hopeww.org/weservesoutheast](http://www.hopeww.org/weservesoutheast). To volunteer, please contact Debbie Mackie at [debbiemackie1@gmail.com](mailto:debbiemackie1@gmail.com) or 904-535-5603.

### **Teen Retreat—Incursion**

**Sep 29<sup>th</sup>-Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>**

If you can provide housing for a teen or would like to volunteer, please sign up at the Welcome Center or contact Susan Fowler at (904) 545-5051.