

TALK IT OVER

SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

Note to the Host: Thanks for leading your group and being willing to create community! Remember, this is your group, and you have the freedom to navigate the conversation that best fits your group's dynamic.

ICEBREAKER:

- "Success is walking from failure to failure with no loss of enthusiasm." - **Winston Churchill**, Albert Einstein, or Thomas Edison
- "You know you are on the road to success if you would do your job and not be paid for it." - **Oprah Winfrey**, Ellen DeGeneres, or Walt Disney

QUESTIONS:

These questions are based off the sermon that took place on Sunday. In this time, feel free to revisit any of the scripture that was discussed in the message. Answer as many questions as your time allows; don't feel pressed to get through them all.

1. Before this message, did you believe that God would never give you more than you can handle? Now that you know that's not true, does that change the way you see God? If so, how?
2. In Jonah 2:2, it says it took Jonah being eaten by a whale for him to be broken enough to cry out to God. Was there a time in your life where it took being broken by God for Him to get your attention?
3. Pastor Brian shared that God uses temptations to test us. Have you ever given into a temptation which caused you to fall away from God? Or perhaps a time when you resisted temptation and stood firm? Share how those experiences grew your faith.
4. Read Romans 8:28-29. At first, was it hard to accept that really bad things can be used for your good? Now seeing that God uses ALL things for our good, does this help you understand His love for us?
5. Jesus modeled how we should handle things we can't handle alone-get away, surround yourself with positive people, and spend time with the Father. How is your prayer life? As a group, how can we commit to help each other maintain a healthy prayer time with God? Maybe take 2nd Base as a group? Share how your small group can support you through life's challenges.

PRAYER:

Please don't stress about the time of prayer, pray however your group feels comfortable. This can either be one person pray, or you can go in a circle and have each person pray a few sentences. Be sure to change it up so your prayer time stays fresh in your group!

- Make sure that everyone has a chance to share.
- Encourage and welcome all praise reports!
- Have someone type your requests up so the group can recall them throughout the week.