

# HOPE GROUP

## STUDY & DISCUSSION GUIDE

### GETTING TO KNOW ME

Have you ever felt like you've been running from something that God was calling you to do? If so, why, how did it end up, and what did you learn?

### INTO THE BIBLE

As a group, read the book of Jonah together. There are only 4 short chapters and each person can take half a chapter. After reading, answer the following:

Why was Jonah so opposed to God's priorities for his life?

What was the cause of Jonah's anger?

What lessons do we learn about God's grace & how he views all mankind?

- According to 2Pet. 3:9, what is God's desire for all people?

How did the pagan sailors and wicked Ninevites respond to God?

- what does this teach us about the way we view people & the gospel?

What popular political agenda did Jonah place ahead of fulfilling God's

Purpose, and how might we apply those lessons to our present day?

### APPLICATION

What examples of God's sovereignty do we see throughout Jonah?

In our Sunday message, we discussed how skeptics doubted the truth of the Bible until scientific evidence proved it correct.

What doubts have you heard from skeptics regarding the Bible's veracity and how should we respond?

Why do we often find it difficult to extend mercy to those we see as being particularly evil, and what can we do to come more in line with God's view?