

FAITH FORMATION

connect. grow. lead.

Discussion Prompts

The Discussion Prompts are provided to dig deeper into a sermon with the respective title mentioned on the right side of this guide (you can find the sermons at www.manheimbic.org/sermon).

Connect

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, fellowship. Just arrive after a long week of all kind of things. - Ask: Who are you personally?

Care

Carry each others burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Cry together. Support each other. Pray together. - <u>Ask:</u> How are you doing?

Challenge

Dive into God's word to learn from each others insight. Encourage & challenge each other to a godly life. - <u>Ask:</u> What is God teaching us today?

Study Guide:

God is after obedience that is fueled by love! You can choose to grow in obedience by growing in love. Growing in love for your neighbor, the person that looks and sounds different, your coworker, or even your enemy. Perhaps, just perhaps that's where God wants you to start, by growing in love towards the people that are scary hard to love.

This week, do a self-check in the areas of your life:

God's Call to Action

In what area of your life do you dismiss what God wants you to do? What is that one thing you are called to do? That place you are to go to? That hardened spirit that you are to give up? Where is God calling you to go? Where is your Nineveh?

Your Attitude towards His Calling

How can your obedience to Christ actively be fueled by HIS love for others? How can His love motivate you to go? Can you realize that God gives you grace -just like he gave Jonah grace? How does that change your perspective of His calling for you?

Your Action-Step in the Right Direction

What is the next step of obedience? Before you get thrown out of the boat, it might be a good idea to turn towards what God wants and take the first steps into the right direction. Write down one specific action step.

God's CALL may be big, daunting, and it may be hard, but if you get to know the character of the God, God gives the motivation and strength to go. Jonah's eventual obedience did end up in an amazing outcome, and a lot of people coming to salvation.

Clarify

Know what's to do next, with the studies text, within the group, and in general. Have a mission for the week. - <u>Ask:</u> How do we apply what we have learned?

Celebrate

Celebrate life's success and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to *brag* about God. - <u>Ask:</u> What has God done in our life that deserves praise?

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. (Acts 2:42)



Initiate and nurture a Growing Relationship with Christ