

HIT THE GROUND

RUNNING

God's Heart for the Many... and the Messenger

Discussion Guide

January 27, 2019

Jonah 4:1-11

Questions for Study

**** Before you begin, please read Jonah 4:1-11 as a group.**

1. Begin your group time briefly reviewing what's happened in the first three chapters of Jonah. What stands out to you so far about this book? How has it influenced the way you think, or what you do?
2. Why is Jonah upset in Jonah 4:1? (Review Jonah chapter 3 again, if you need a refresher on the immediate context.)
3. What does Jonah's response in this chapter reveal about Jonah? In what ways do you see yourself in Jonah? Explain.
4. What do you learn about God in Jonah chapter 4? Look closely at the chapter and work as a group to identify a handful of observations.
5. How do you see God's heart for the many in Jonah 4? What implications does this have for the way you think about reaching out and loving those who don't know Jesus?
6. How do you see God's heart for the messenger in Jonah 4? How should this influence the way you share about Jesus? How does this focus attention on your own heart as you share?
7. What have you learned from Jonah 4:1-11 that can help you "hit the ground running" in 2019? What practical steps will you take in light of this?
8. Finish up with some final review of what you've learned in Jonah over the last few weeks. Briefly summarize what's happening in each chapter, and answer the key question that rises out of that chapter:
 - Jonah 1 → Key Question: Which way are you running?
 - Jonah 2 → Key Question: What tough circumstances might be God's way of working for me (not against me)?
 - Jonah 3 → Key Question: Do I believe God offers second chances – and am I willing to receive and extend them?
 - Jonah 4 → Key question: How can I surrender to not only the law of God but to the purposes of God?