

Wednesday, Oct 5th - Info Sheet

Junior High (7-9th grade)

Wed Oct 5	Weekend Oct 7-9	Wed Oct 12	Wed Oct 19	Wed Oct 26
JH NIGHT Youth Group 7-9PM	Fall Retreat	Youth Group 7-9PM	Student Led Night 7-9PM	Off Campus Bowling 630-830PM

High School (10-12th grade)

Wed Oct 5	Wed Oct 12	Wed Oct 19	Wed Oct 26
Off Campus Bible Study 7-9PM	Youth Group 7-9PM	Student Led Night 7-9PM	HS Night Youth Group 7-9PM

Wednesday Night Details

Junior High

Time: 7-9pm

Location: Woodlands Church

No Gear Up

6:50-7:10 Students/Leaders hang out

7:10-7:20 Activity: Team Names + Warcry

7:20-8:00 Game: **Treasure Hunt**

8:00-8:10 Announcements

8:10-8:30 Teaching

8:30-8:55 Small Group

8:55-9:15 Hang out until pick up

High School

Off campus - contact your small group leader for details.

JH Teaching Summary - Oct 5

Tonight we are covering the **entire book of Jonah!** Bold, I know.

As a reminder, God created a perfect world - but evil and human rebellion spun the world into chaos and even more evil. Out of this chaos, God called Abraham's family, the Israelites, to be set apart and to bless the world. After rescuing them from slavery, giving them a land, and protecting them, the Israelites have continued to turn their backs on God. At this point in the story, God has spent generations asking the Israelites to repent and return to God. But they refuse...

Jonah introduces us to a prophet of Israel that disobeys God, tries to end his own life, preaches the least helpful sermon ever, and gets angry at God for being compassionate. In all of this, Jonah is surrounded by **pagans** who repent and worship God. **So what's going on?**

This short, intricate story invites us to consider two questions:

1. **Do I truly care about the people around me?**
2. **Given the kindness of God, am I willing to repent?**

Below are some questions for small groups, as well as threads that parents can use for follow up discussion after youth group. When you get a moment with your student, even the next day, try asking **"So what do you think about Jonah?"**

JH Question Sheet

Starter question: "What do you think about 'good atheists'?"

This can be a great question to hear how your students process what being good means, as well as how they view people with different belief systems.

Follow up with some of these questions:

1. What stood out to you from the overview of Jonah?
2. Who did you think was the "good guy" in the story?
3. It seems pretty ridiculous to be mad at God for being a good God - what do you think is going on?
4. What did you think about Jonah - who he was and what he did...?
5. What do you think Jonah thought about himself?
6. Why do you think Jonah cared so little about/hated the Ninevites?
7. How do you think Israelites would have reacted to hearing "evil Ninevites" being better people than them?
8. In your own words, what is repentance?

Wrap up with one or both of these:

9. What does repentance look like in your life?
10. When you look into the mirror of this story, what do you see?

End with prayer requests and praying for each other.