

### **Connection Groups:**

Date of Message: 11/21/21

Series Title: The Runaway Prophet

Expected Title of Message: The God of second chances

Main Text: Jonah 3:1-10

Support Texts: Ephesians 4, Isaiah 55, Jeremiah 18, 2 Corinthians 7, Matthew 12.

### **Connection Group Questions:**

**Opening up:** Talk about “do overs” in your life. Do you have some that you can remember, and do you have some that you would like to have?

**Digging in:** Read Jonah 3, Isaiah 55:3-11

- What about the Isaiah passage jumps out at you? How can that passage be a comfort to us at the same time it can challenge us?
- How does Jonah’s response to God’s call differ this time around? Is it possible that our response can change but our attitude stays the same? How does that affect our relationship with God?
- How do we react to God’s prompting to share the story of God with others? How can we be ready to share God’s story when the moment occurs?
- What is the difference in Jonah sharing his message in Nineveh, and expecting the Ninevites to come to Israel to hear this message? Do we depend on a church service or some kind of event to share God’s story, or are we ready to share it anytime, anyplace?
- Discuss the response of the people and the leadership of Nineveh. What does repentance look like from the outside? How does this change the city of Nineveh?
- Was God’s response fair?

**Making it yours:**

- What are your limits for what God will ask you to do? (Be honest)
- How does repentance work in your personal life? What does it mean for Bethel Church?

**Prayer time:**

- Pray for a spirit of repentance and revival in our personal lives, in our church, and in our community.
- Pray that we will surrender to share God’s story with others in how we live, and in what we say.