



LIFE GROUPS 2019

NLC Life Group Study

Week of September 8, 2019

OLD SCHOOL | JONAH AND THE WHALE

Life Group Schedule

30 MIN Eat, Meet & Greet

15 MIN Ice Breaker: **Fishbowl**. A fun-filled word and memory game!

Instructions: Separate the group into two teams. Give each person three pieces of paper and a pen or pencil, instructing them to write any word or short familiar phrase on each piece, fold it in half, and put their papers into a fish bowl, basket, or other container. The play occurs in 1-3 rounds, depending on how much time you want to take:

Round 1—Taboo. The first team selects a person to go first, grabbing a piece of paper from the container and using only words and sentences as hints. They have one minute to do so. They cannot use motions, “Sounds like...,” or spelling hints. If the person guessed the word, they continue with another slip of paper, with their team guessing as many words as they can within the one-minute time limit. If the team is unable to guess correctly, the person can pass and pull another slip of paper. However, a person can only pass once during his or her one minute. The second team then takes a turn, seeing how many words or phrases they can guess. If you run out of slips of paper, put them all back into the container for Round 2.

Round 2—Password. Played in the same manner as the first round, in this round, the hint can only be one word. After both teams take turns, put all the words back into the container for the third round.

Round 3—Charades. Again, the same sequence is played as in rounds one and two, however, this time, each person needs to act and use motions as hints for their team’s guesses. When all the words run out, tally all the points. The team with the most points wins the game.

TRANSITION: As you’re gathering, spend some time in **WORSHIP & PRAYER**.

45 MIN | OLD SCHOOL—JONAH AND THE WHALE

GOD CAN USE A REBEL

- God wants us all to go. We receive first, but then we go.
- We are saved and then we serve, just like Jonah.

SEE JONAH 1:1–17

WHY JONAH WANTED TO REBEL AND NOT GO:

- He was afraid it would ruin his life.
- He didn’t want them to get saved, thinking they’re not worth it.

RESULT: JONAH 1:2

Q1. Have you ever run from the presence of God?

HEBREWS 12:5–8

- If you are His child, He will go after you! It may not be pleasant.
- The Lord will put you in a place that drives you to call on His Name.
- You will never get to the will of God unless you remember the grace that saved you too!

JONAH 2:10

- God didn't have the fish vomit Jonah out in Nineveh. He took Jonah back to the place of disobedience.

JONAH 3:1

- You will never go if you don't know He picked you!
- Rebelling against God will keep you from experiencing the greatest move of your life!
- Why is the story of Jonah so powerful? Because God can use a rebel!

Q2. Are you confident that you are saved? Like, if you got hit by a bus tomorrow morning, are you confident about where you'll be?

Q3. Maybe you now know Him, but are you running from Him in any area of your life? Has He been asking you to do something that you have been thinking is too hard or costs too much?

Q4. What's the next step for you in your relationship with God? Is there anything holding you back?

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAY OVER NEEDS