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Groups

Discussion
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God Is More Concerned About His Faithfulness Than Our Failure

The Repeats (required)

They are the same, but *WE* change, so please discuss these with your group

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- At mc3, God Moments are a chance for us to *be intentional* about noticing what God is doing in our lives—try to use your week to notice these moments to share in Pr'me. Go around your group and share your God Moments: how have you seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another over the past few months?
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?

The Review (optional)

Use this section only if you want to review for those who were not in the Point

- Have someone explain the Point in their own words.*
- What object lesson or illustration was used to communicate the Point this week? How did this apply to the Point?*
- Have someone read or summarize the main Bible passage/story from the Point (see "The References" section).
- How did this Bible passage teach the Point?*

*someone who was in the Point may need to explain this

The Reenergizer (optional)

Use this question if you need to get your group talking

- Would you rather have the ability to instantly fix any vehicle OR the ability to instantly fix any appliance? Why?

The Reflection (required)

Discuss these to go deeper, and more personal, into applying the Point

- Have your group summarize what happened in Jonah 1 last week.
- Inside the fish, Jonah prayed 3 things to God. Read & discuss each:
 - *When We Have Nothing to Say, God Listens! Jonah 2:2*
 - If Jonah did this to you, would you have answered his cry?
 - *When We've Done Nothing to Deserve, God Rescues! Jnh 2:3-6*
 - What was Jonah expecting when he was thrown overboard?
 - *When There Is Nothing to Offer, God Uses! Jonah 2:7-10*
 - When has God's mercy (Heb: *hesed* - grace) surprised you?
- So often, we assume like Jonah that God's faithfulness doesn't apply to us—we're not [good/worthy/important/etc.] enough. Look at the "failures" of these people and discuss how God was faithful.
 - *Mistakes: Peter John 18:7-11; Acts 2:14,41*
 - Have you ever made a foolish mistake and just felt helpless?
 - *Hardship: Joseph Genesis 37:28,36; 39:19-20; 40:23; 50:20*
 - Looking back at your life, how has God used hardship?
 - *Obscurity: David 1 Sam. 16:1-13; 2 Sam. 7:16*
 - Have you felt like a nobody? How does this encourage you?
 - *Sin: Moses Exodus 2:11-12; Deuteronomy 34:10-12*
 - How does God's grace "qualify" us despite our sin?
- Take a moment to consider which person/"failure" above you are most like, then listen as someone slowly reads **Romans 8:35-39 NLT**.
- After they read share that person/"failure" from above and then what you think God wants you to know or do about it.

The References

Main Passage: Jonah 2:1-10 (NLT) *selected verses, read full passage in Bible

Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from inside the fish, "I cried out to the Lord in my great trouble, and he answered me. I called to you from the land of the dead, and Lord, you heard me!...But you, O Lord my God, snatched me from the jaws of death!...Those who worship false gods turn their backs on all God's mercies. But I will offer sacrifices to you with songs of praise, and I will fulfill all my vows. For my salvation comes from the Lord alone."

Then the Lord ordered the fish to spit Jonah out onto the beach.

John 8:7-11 (NIV) *read passage in Bible

Acts 2:14, 41 (NIV) *selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

Genesis Chs. 37-40; 50:20 (NLT) *selected verses, read full passage in Bible

You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people.

1 Samuel 16:1-13 (NLT) *read passage in Bible

2 Samuel 7:16 (NIV)

"Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever."

Exodus 2:11-12 (NIV) *read passage in Bible

Deuteronomy 34:10-12 (NIV)

Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face, who did all those signs and wonders the Lord sent him to do in Egypt—to Pharaoh and to all his officials and to his whole land. For no one has ever shown the mighty power or performed the awesome deeds that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

Romans 8:35-39 (NLT) *read passage in Bible