



THE Comeback

Week 1
Discussion Guide

Introduction:

We can witness the character of God in a million different ways: from the way he has designed our world, the events that define the human experience, and the Scriptures that share the story of God's relationship with humanity. All of these sources combine to give us a small picture of a massive God. For the next few weeks, we will be focusing on the part of humanity's relationship with God that is recorded in the books of the Minor Prophets. As we go, we may unearth parts of God's character that we have long forgotten about, but one thing we can be certain of from the start: our God is always ready to facilitate a *Comeback*.

Scripture:

Jonah 1:1-3 - "The Lord gave this message to Jonah son of Amittai: 'Get up and go to the great city of Nineveh. Announce my judgment against it because I have seen how wicked its people are.' But Jonah got up and went in the opposite direction to get away from the Lord. He went down to the port of Joppa, where he found a ship leaving for Tarshish. He bought a ticket and went on board, hoping to escape from the Lord by sailing to Tarshish."

Jonah 3:1-3 - "Then the Lord spoke to Jonah a second time: 'Get up and go to the great city of Nineveh, and deliver the message I have given you.' This time Jonah obeyed the Lord's command and went to Nineveh, a city so large that it took three days to see it all."

Jonah 3:10 - "When God saw what they had done and how they had put a stop to their evil ways, he changed his mind and did not carry out the destruction he had threatened."

Discussion Questions:

1. Have you ever been on the run?
2. Why do you think Jonah ran? What would you have done?
3. What can we learn about the character of God from the way he deals with Nineveh?
4. What can we learn about the character of God from the way he deals with Jonah's running?
5. When do you find yourself sensing direction from God?
 - Does it ever take a storm for God to get your attention?
 - How do you tend to respond?

Take the Next Step:

What call has God given you that you have been trying to ignore or run from? What would it look like to take a step towards that call?