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LifeGroups
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TRANSFORMATION

"And we... are being transformed into His likeness."

2 Corinthians 3:18

CHETS TOP 5

Easter

Eggstravaganza

April 3rd • 9:30 a.m. - Noon

Easter Worship

Times

April 4th

8:30, 9:45 & 11:15 a.m. -

Main Campus

9:45 & 11:15 a.m. -

Chets Creek Elementary

Chets VolunTours

March 28th • 11:15 a.m.

Campus Baptism

March 28th

C.L.A.S.S.

101 - 401

March 28th

5:00 - 8:30 p.m.

"So Long,

Insecurity"

Simulcast with

Beth Moore

April 24th

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



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Discussion Guide

Life Sentences - "David"

FOCUS: to discuss the leadership traits of David and be challenged to become a more effective leader.

"And David shepherded them with integrity of heart; with skillful hands he led them."

Psalm 78:72 (NIV)

- Outline the key words that describe David's leadership style in (Psalm 78:72).
 - Shepherd –
 - Integrity -
 - Heart –
 - Skills –
 - Hands –
- Everyone leads someone. List those that you lead.
- Evaluate how you are doing as a leader in the following traits:
 - Shepherding
 - Integrity
 - Heart
 - Skills
 - Hands
- David was a shepherd as a boy and learned about leadership. How have you learned about leadership? What life experiences and lessons have shaped your leadership style?
- God is our ultimate Shepherd. What do these verses teach about God as a shepherd?
 - (Isaiah 40:11)
 - (1 Peter 5:4)
 - (Revelation 7:15-17)
- What can damage one's leadership ability?
- Considering those you lead, what type of leader are you?
 - Dictator
 - Absentee
 - Team Builder
 - Other
- Who has been the most Godly/effective leader in your life? Why?
- How can you improve as a leader to lead with integrity and skill?

Read Thru the Bible

"How sweet your words taste to me; they are sweeter than honey. Your commandments give me understanding; no wonder I hate every false way of life. Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path."

Psalm 119:103-105

March	Old Testament	New Testament	Psalm	Proverbs
15	Numbers 10:11-11:35	Mark 13:1-20	34:8-14	8:8-9
16	Numbers 12:1-14:4	Mark 13:21-37	34:15-22	8:10-13
17	Numbers 14:5-45	Mark 14:1-21	35:1-10	8:14-17
18	Numbers 15:1-41	Mark 14:22-42	35:11-16	8:18-19
19	Numbers 16:1-50	Mark 14:43-72	35:17-21	8:20-21
20	Numbers 17:1-19:8	Mark 15:1-21	35:22-28	8:22-24
21	Numbers 19:9-21:9	Mark 15:22-47	36:1-6	8:25-26
22	Numbers 21:10-22:41	Mark 16:1-20	36:7-12	8:27-29

LifeGroup Prayer Requests:

"You are not responsible for everyone in the church family - but you are responsible to them. So speak encouraging words to one another. Build up hope so you'll all be together in this, no one left out, no one left behind."

1 Thessalonians 5:11

LOOKING TOWARD NEXT SUNDAY

Jonah - Jeremiah 5:25

To examine Jonah's call to a missionary endeavor and evaluate his response(s). Learners will also evaluate their own call to missions and compare their response to that of Jonah.

MONDAY - MARCH 15, 2010

Read Jonah 1:1-16

1 The word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai: 2 "Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me." 3 But Jonah ran away from the LORD and headed for Tarshish. He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the LORD. 4 Then the LORD sent a great wind on the sea, and such a violent storm arose that the ship threatened to break up. 5 All the sailors were afraid and each cried out to his own god. And they threw the cargo into the sea to lighten the ship. But Jonah had gone below deck, where he lay down and fell into a deep sleep. 6 The captain went to him and said, "How can you sleep? Get up and call on your god! Maybe he will take notice of us, and we will not perish." 7 Then the sailors said to each other, "Come, let us cast lots to find out who is responsible for this calamity." They cast lots and the lot fell on Jonah. 8 So they asked him, "Tell us, who is responsible for making all this trouble for us? What do you do? Where do you come from? What is your country? From what people are you?" 9 He answered, "I am a Hebrew and I worship the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the land." 10 This terrified them and they asked, "What have you done?" (not all verses printed due to space)

- What was Jonah's first action when God asked him to go to Nineveh? Why was he going the opposite way?
- Has there been a time in your life when you ran from God?
- Were there storms that occurred that brought you back to the Lord?
- What is God asking of you now? How will you obey and follow Him?

TUESDAY - MARCH 16, 2010

Read Jonah 1:17 - 2:10

17 But the LORD provided a great fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was inside the fish three days and three nights.

Jonah 2

1 From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the LORD his God. 2 He said: "In my distress I called to the LORD, and he answered me. From the depths of the grave [a] I called for help, and you listened to my cry. 3 You hurled me into the deep, into the very heart of the seas, and the currents swirled about me; all your waves and breakers swept over me. 4 I said, 'I have been banished from your sight; yet I will look again toward your holy temple.' 5 The engulfing waters threatened me, the deep surrounded me; seaweed was wrapped around my head. 6 To the roots of the mountains I sank down; the earth beneath barred me in forever. But you brought my life up from the pit, O LORD my God. 7 "When my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, LORD, and my prayer rose to you, to your holy temple. 8 "Those who cling to worthless idols forfeit the grace that could be theirs. 9 But I, with a song of thanksgiving, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. Salvation comes from the LORD." 10 And the LORD commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.

- What does Jonah do while in the belly of the great fish?
- Reread and compare verses 2:3 and 1:15...How does Jonah see his situation? Who's in control?
- What do these verses tell us about the power of the Lord?
- Are there areas of your life where you may feel like Jonah...Out of control and far from God?
- Take time and pray with the same desperation as Jonah did for God's help with these areas in your life.

WEDNESDAY - MARCH 17, 2010

Read Jonah 3:1-10

1 Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: 2 "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you."

3 Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very important city—a visit required three days. 4 On the first day, Jonah started into the city. He proclaimed: "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overturned." 5 The Ninevites believed God. They declared a fast, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth. 6 When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust. 7 Then he issued a proclamation in Nineveh: "By the decree of the king and his nobles: Do not let any man or beast, herd or flock, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. 8 But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. 9 Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish." 10 When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he had compassion and did not bring upon them the destruction he had threatened.

- What second chance did God give Jonah?
- What was the result of God's second chance for Jonah?
- What does verse 10 tell us about God and the people of Nineveh?
- Is there something so serious on your heart that you may need to fast and pray? What is it? When will you start?

THURSDAY - MARCH 18, 2010

Read Jonah 4:1-11

1 But Jonah was greatly displeased and became angry. 2 He prayed to the LORD, "O LORD, is this not what I said when I was still at home? That is why I was so quick to flee to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. 3 Now, O LORD, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live." 4 But the LORD replied, "Have you any right to be angry?" 5 Jonah went out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city. 6 Then the LORD God provided a vine and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about the vine. 7 But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the vine so that it withered. 8 When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah's head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, "It would be better for me to die than to live." 9 But God said to Jonah, "Do you have a right to be angry about the vine?" "I do," he said. "I am angry enough to die." 10 But the LORD said, "You have been concerned about this vine, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. 11 But Nineveh has more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left, and many cattle as well. Should I not be concerned about that great city?"

- What three things does God provide Jonah?
- What does God communicate to Jonah by using these three things?
- To whom is God calling you to show mercy? To share Christ with?
- What attitudes do you need to change to complete the mission God is calling you to?

FRIDAY - MARCH 19, 2010

Read Matthew 12:38-41

38 Then some of the Pharisees and teachers of the law said to him, "Teacher, we want to see a miraculous sign from you." 39 He answered, "A wicked and adulterous generation asks for a miraculous sign! But none will be given it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. 40 For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. 41 The men of Nineveh will stand up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and now one greater than Jonah is here."

- What is the "sign" of Jonah? What is it a picture of?
- How is Jesus greater than Jonah?
- To Jonah the people of Nineveh were a nuisance. According to II Peter 3:9 and I Timothy 2:3-4 what does the Lord want for all people?
- When it comes to the people who don't have a relationship with the Lord are you more like Jonah or Jesus? Are they a nuisance to you or do you have a burden for them?
- Who is the Lord asking you to go and share Christ with today?