

- 1. In his message, Pastor Rick gave this quote; "I am not here to consume, I'm here to contribute". What do you think this means? How can we tell if we are a contributor and not a consumer as a Christian? Which are you? (No answer needed, just for self-evaluation).
- 2. Read Jonah 1:1-3. In this weekend's message we saw that Jonah ran from God's call for him to go to Nineveh. Why did he not want to go to Nineveh? What are some things that you know God has called you to do right where you are now? Are we any different from Jonah when we refuse to do the things we know God wants us to do? Answer Jonah did not want to go to Nineveh because he thought the people there were so wicked, they did not deserve God's mercy. Everything that the Bible tells us we should do as God's children is God calling us to action. Any time I am resistant to what I know God wants me to do I am following Jonah's bad example.
- 3. God brought Jonah to the place where he was at "rock bottom" with no place to look but to God to deliver him from certain death. Have you ever been at "rock bottom" in your life? What were the circumstances? Have you ever seen God allow a Christian to get to "rock bottom"? Why would he do that if he loves all of his children?
 Answer—God knows what is best for us as His children and when we choose to disregard what he tells us is best and we make sinful choices, he will allow us to suffer the consequences of those bad decisions so that we will turn back to him.
- 4. In the story of Jonah we see that God gave Jonah a second chance and that Jonah took it. But did Jonah's attitude change so that he wanted to go to Nineveh? What does that tell you about being obedient to God's commands? Even though Jonah's motive for finally going to Nineveh was wrong, did God still use him? How? What was the eventual result of his obedience? Answer—Even though Jonah never wanted to go to Nineveh, he finally was obedient to God's command to go. As a result, thousands of people were saved from God's judgement. This show us that even when we do not want to, we are still responsible to obey God's commands. It is always right to do the right thing, no matter what our motive.
- 5. What job did God give to Jonah that he also gives to us? How are we doing with carrying it out?

 Answer—The job of telling everyone what Jesus did for them so that they can also be saved from hell.