

# Southwest Life Groups

A Place to Belong...A Place to Transform

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*Focus: To explore how and why God unveils Jonah's selfishness.*

## The Book of Jonah

### The Lord Gives and the Lord Takes Away - Lesson #7

Introduction: I once heard the Western Church compared to a cruise ship as opposed to a battleship.

- Has the church today become more about comfort than battle?
- Discuss the implications of this reality.
- How does our desire for comfort and security distort our view of God?
- Describe your picture of what the church is supposed to look like.

Text: Jonah 4:5-11

- Read the text and share your initial thoughts.
- Describe Jonah's behavior.
- What was Jonah waiting and hoping for outside of town? What does that reveal about him?
- The Lord gives and the Lord takes away...why?
- Talk though how the Lord exposed Jonah's selfishness.

Application:

- Share you thoughts on the selfishness of the church today.
- Do we as a group want mission or do we prefer comfort?
- The Lord gives and the Lord takes away. How do you feel about that?
- What is God trying to teach this group though Jonah?
- To have the heart of God we must care about what God cares about...what do we care about?