



 NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN CENTER
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FOR THE WORLD
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1. God's heart has always pointed OUTWARD.

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2. God's heart pursues us, EVEN WHEN WE RUN.

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And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left. Jonah 4:11 (NIV)

3. God's heart reaches the world, ONE PERSON at a time.

Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent. Luke 15:4-7 (NIV)



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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CONNECT

What was one highlight or meaningful moment that stood out for you on Easter Weekend? As we get into our lesson, what is your honest, first reaction when you hear the call to “Go into all the world?”

ENGAGE

What part of this weekend’s message challenged or encouraged you the most?

GROW

1. The message says God’s heart has always pointed outward.
Where do you see a tendency in your own life to turn inward instead?
2. We can receive the blessings of God and miss the purpose of God.
What might it look like for you personally to move from “God bless me to God use me?”
3. In the story of Jonah, we see both rebellion and resistance to God’s heart.
Do you relate more to Jonah running from God’s call, or struggling to love the people God loves? Why?
4. God pursues both Nineveh and Jonah.
What does that reveal to you about how God sees people, especially the ones you might struggle with?
5. God’s heart reaches the world one person at a time.
Who is one person in your life right now that might be your “one”? What would it look like to take a step toward them?

LEAD (YOURSELF):

Ask God to put someone specific on your heart: a neighbor, coworker, friend, or family member. Then take one intentional step toward them. It could be a conversation, an invitation, encouragement, or simply listening well. Pay attention to this: where is God already at work in their life, and how can you join Him there?