



STOP RUNNING

GraceYouth Week 3

Jr. High

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Big Idea:

When God gives you a second chance, take it!

Games:

1. Two Truths and One Lie
 - Share two truths about yourself and one lie and allow someone to guess which is the lie
2. Rock, Paper, Scissors Train
 - Play people in rock, paper, scissors and if they lose to you then they will follow you as you play other matches.
 - Each time someone loses, their train joins the winner's train until there is only one left
3. Pictionary
 - Draw a picture on a whiteboard or piece of paper and people must try to guess what you drew
4. Charades
 - Randomly select out of a category of actions or things and people must guess what you are acting out without using words
5. Name that Tune
 - Use something like Spotify or YouTube and play small chunks of songs and you have to guess that song.

Ice Breaker:

Has someone ever given you a second chance before? What was it?

Scripture Questions:

Read Jonah 3:1-10

1. What stands out about this passage?
2. This time Jonah went to Ninevah. What did God have Jonah do?
3. Why did God have Jonah do this even though he failed the first time?
4. What was the message that Jonah was told by God to tell them?
5. Why do you think that the Ninevites listened to an outsider like Jonah?

Read Matthew 12:38-41

1. What stands out about this passage?
2. What is the difference between Jesus and Jonah?
3. What are the similarities between Jesus and Jonah?
4. Why were the men of Ninevah not condemned but others were?
5. What sign was Jesus implying that He was giving when He said, "the sign of Jonah" (

Application questions:

1. In what way does God offer second chances?
2. Would you ever say word for word what Jonah said to the Ninevites to someone?
3. Do you think God can use you to do something miraculous like Jonah and Ninevah? Why or why not?
4. Is something holding you back from being used by God? Are you saying no to God? Is there a distraction? Is there a sin? Are you holding onto something from the past?
5. What has been a time where God has used you in a powerful way when you said yes to God?
6. Jonah made a pretty feeble attempt to turn them towards God (see v. 4) and they responded. Do you ever feel like you can't do something for God because you can't do it well or big enough?
7. In Matthew 12 when it said that the pharisees asked Jesus for a sign, they were trying to get Him to do something to prove that He really was the Son of God. Have you ever said that you would believe the Bible and that Jesus is who He says He is if God would prove Himself to you?
8. Is Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection enough for you to believe in Him?

Next Step

What is something that you have fallen short in with your relationship with God? Was it sharing your faith? Was it not going back to that old sin? Whatever it may be share it with the group and commit to doing what God is calling you to do! Keep one another accountable. Repent and go and sin no more!

Prayer

That we would not be confident in our own strength, but that we would only be confident in God.