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Introduction:

Begin by sharing a personal story of a time you felt reluctant to answer a call to serve or step out of your comfort zone. Acknowledge that everyone experiences moments of hesitation when faced with a challenging task. "Have you ever felt like God was calling you to do something, but you really didn't want to do it? Maybe it seemed too hard, too scary, or just too far outside your comfort zone? You're not alone! Even people in the Bible, like the prophet Jonah, struggled with this"

Setting / Context:

Introduce the prophet Jonah and the initial call he received from God to go to Nineveh. Explain the historical context of Nineveh as a great city but known for its wickedness, which would have been a daunting and undesirable place for Jonah.

Engage with Scripture:

Read Jonah 1:1-3, highlighting Jonah's disobedience and his attempt to flee from God's presence. Then, read Jonah 3:1-3, focusing on the second call Jonah receives. Discuss the significance of God's persistence in calling Jonah despite his initial reluctance.

Text: Jonah 3: 1-4 NLT

A message came to Jonah from the Lord a second time. He said, "Go to the great city of Nineveh. Announce to its people the message I give you." Jonah obeyed the Lord. He went to Nineveh. It was a very important city. In fact, it took about three days to see all of it. On the first day, Jonah started into the city. He announced, "In 40 days Nineveh will be destroyed."



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Exploration:

- Why do you think Jonah was so resistant to God's call to go to Nineveh?
- Have you ever felt like Jonah, trying to run away from what God was asking you to do?
- What does it mean to truly surrender our will to God, even when it's difficult?
- How can we overcome our reluctance to step out in faith and serve in our own communities?

Personal Testimony:

Share a personal story about a time when you finally answered a call to serve, even though you were hesitant at first. Describe the blessings and growth that resulted from your obedience.

Application:

Challenge the youth and young adults to reflect on their own communities and identify the needs around them. Encourage them to consider how God might be calling them to make a difference, even in small ways.

Call to Action:

Invite attendees to commit to answering God's call to ministry in their community. Provide practical suggestions for getting involved, such as volunteering at a local shelter, mentoring a young person, or participating in a community service project.

Closing:

Close with a prayer of dedication, asking God to give them courage, strength, and a willing heart to serve Him in their communities.

"Lord, we recognize that you have a purpose for each of us in this world. Help us to be open to your calling, even when it challenges us. Give us the courage to step out in faith and make a difference in our communities, sharing your love and grace with those who need it most. In Jesus' name, Amen."



Introduction:

Begin by asking the group: "If you had an important message to share with the world, what would it be and how would you share it?" Discuss the challenges of communicating effectively in today's noisy and distracted world.

Setting / Context:

Review the message of imminent judgment that Jonah was called to share with the people of Nineveh. Discuss the nature of Nineveh's wickedness and the urgency of Jonah's mission.

Engage with Scripture:

Read Jonah 3:2, focusing on instruction that God gives to Jonah. Why does Jonah's job feel so familiar to Christians and particularly Seventh-day Adventists?

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Exploration:

- What is the "Three Angels Message" that we have been called to share with our community? *[See Rev. 14: 6-13]*
- Why is it sometimes difficult to share messages of warning or correction?
- How can we communicate truth with love and compassion?
- What are some creative and relevant ways to share the Three Angels Message with youth and young adults in our community?

Application:

Challenge group members to identify specific ways they can share God's message of hope and warning with those around them. Encourage them to consider their unique gifts and talents and how they can be used to reach others.

Call to Action:

- Create a Social Media Campaign: Develop a series of social media posts sharing key aspects of the Three Angels Message in a relatable and engaging way for youth and young adults.
- Design and Distribute Flyers: Create visually appealing flyers with information about upcoming evangelistic events or resources for spiritual growth, and distribute them in the community.

Closing:

Close with a time of prayer, asking God to give them boldness and clarity in sharing His message.



Introduction:

Begin by asking the group: "Have you ever been part of a team that accomplished a big goal? What were the keys to your success?" Discuss the importance of teamwork, organization, and perseverance in achieving ambitious objectives.

Setting / Context:

Highlight Jonah's recognition of the enormity of the task in Nineveh and how he systematically carried out his mission. Discuss the size and complexity of Nineveh as a city, and the challenges Jonah faced in reaching its inhabitants.

Engage with Scripture:

Read Jonah 3:3-4, focusing on Jonah's actions and the scope of his efforts. How did Jonah approach the task of proclaiming God's message in Nineveh? What does it mean to "divide the work" when it comes to community transformation?

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Exploration:

- What are some of the biggest needs in our community?
- How can we work together to address these needs effectively?
- What does it mean to be "faithful to the call" on our lives?
- How can we stay motivated and focused when the task seems overwhelming?

Application:

Challenge group members to identify specific roles they can play in transforming their community. Encourage them to use their unique skills and passions to make a difference.

Call to Action:

- Organize a Community Clean-Up: Gather a team to clean up a local park, neighborhood, or roadside.
- Plan a Tutoring Program: Partner with a local school or community center to provide tutoring services to students in need.

Closing:

Close with a time of brainstorming and planning, developing concrete action steps for their community transformation efforts.



Introduction:

Begin by asking the group: "Have you ever been moved by a message or a movement that started with ordinary people?" Discuss the importance of authenticity, relatability, and genuine connection in effective communication.

Setting / Context:

Emphasize that Jonah's message was shared in such a way that the people heard, understood, and were convicted by his warning. Highlight the widespread repentance that occurred in Nineveh as a result of Jonah's preaching.

Engage with Scripture:

Read Jonah 3:5, focusing on the response of the people of Nineveh to Jonah's message. What factors contributed to the effectiveness of Jonah's communication? How did the people demonstrate their conviction and repentance?

Text: Jonah 3: 5-6 NLT

The people of Nineveh believed God's warning. They decided not to eat any food for a while. All of them put on black clothes. That's what everyone from the least important of them to the most important did. The news reached the king of Nineveh. He got up from his throne. He took his royal robes off and dressed himself in black clothes. He sat down in the dust.



Exploration:

- How can we ensure that our message is heard and understood by the people in our community?
- What are some barriers to effective communication, and how can we overcome them?
- How can we create a culture of genuine repentance and transformation in our community?
- How does the Three Angels Message speak to the current needs and concerns of our community?

Application:

Challenge group members to evaluate their own communication styles and identify ways they can become more effective messengers of hope and transformation.

Call to Action:

- Conduct a Community Survey: Create a survey to gather information about the needs and concerns of people in your community, and use the results to tailor your outreach efforts.
- Host a Community Forum: Organize a forum where community members can share their stories, express their concerns, and brainstorm solutions to local challenges.

Closing:

Close with a time of reflection and commitment, asking God to help them become authentic and effective communicators of His love and truth.



Introduction:

Begin by sharing an example of a time when a grassroots movement influenced leaders to take action. Discuss the power of collective action and the importance of holding leaders accountable.

Setting / Context:

Describe how Jonah's efforts caused such a movement that the leaders of Nineveh were also moved to join in repentance. Discuss the role of leadership in shaping the values and direction of a community.

Engage with Scripture:

Read Jonah 3:6-9, focusing on the actions of the king of Nineveh in response to Jonah's message. What motivated the king to call for repentance and fasting? How did his leadership influence the rest of the community?

Text: Jonah 3: 6-9 NLT

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Exploration:

- How can we inspire our leaders to embrace values of compassion, justice, and service?
- What are some effective strategies for advocating for positive change in our community?
- How can we create a culture of accountability and transparency in leadership?
- How does our personal witness impact those in positions of authority?

Personal Testimony:

Share a personal story of a time when your actions or advocacy influenced a leader to make a positive change.

Application:

Challenge the youth and young adults to identify ways they can challenge their leaders to do something different in light of their community transformation efforts.

Call to Action:

Encourage attendees to get involved in local government, advocate for policy changes, or support leaders who are committed to serving the community.

Closing:

Close with a prayer for community leaders, asking God to give them wisdom, integrity, and a heart for service.

"Lord, we lift up our community leaders to you. Grant them wisdom to make decisions that benefit all, integrity to act with honesty and transparency, and a heart for service that puts the needs of others first. Help us to be a voice for positive change in our community, inspiring our leaders to join us in building a better world. In Jesus' name, Amen."



Introduction:

Begin by asking the group: "What are some effective ways to inspire people to take positive action?" Discuss the power of storytelling, visual media, and personal testimonies in motivating others.

Setting / Context:

Explore the king of Nineveh's proclamation and its impact on the entire city. Analyze the elements of the proclamation that made it so effective in inspiring repentance and change.

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Exploration:

- What are some of the most pressing needs and challenges facing our community?
- How can we communicate a message of hope that addresses these specific issues?
- How can we inspire others to join us in working for positive change?
- How can we ensure that our message is inclusive and welcoming to all members of the community?

Application:

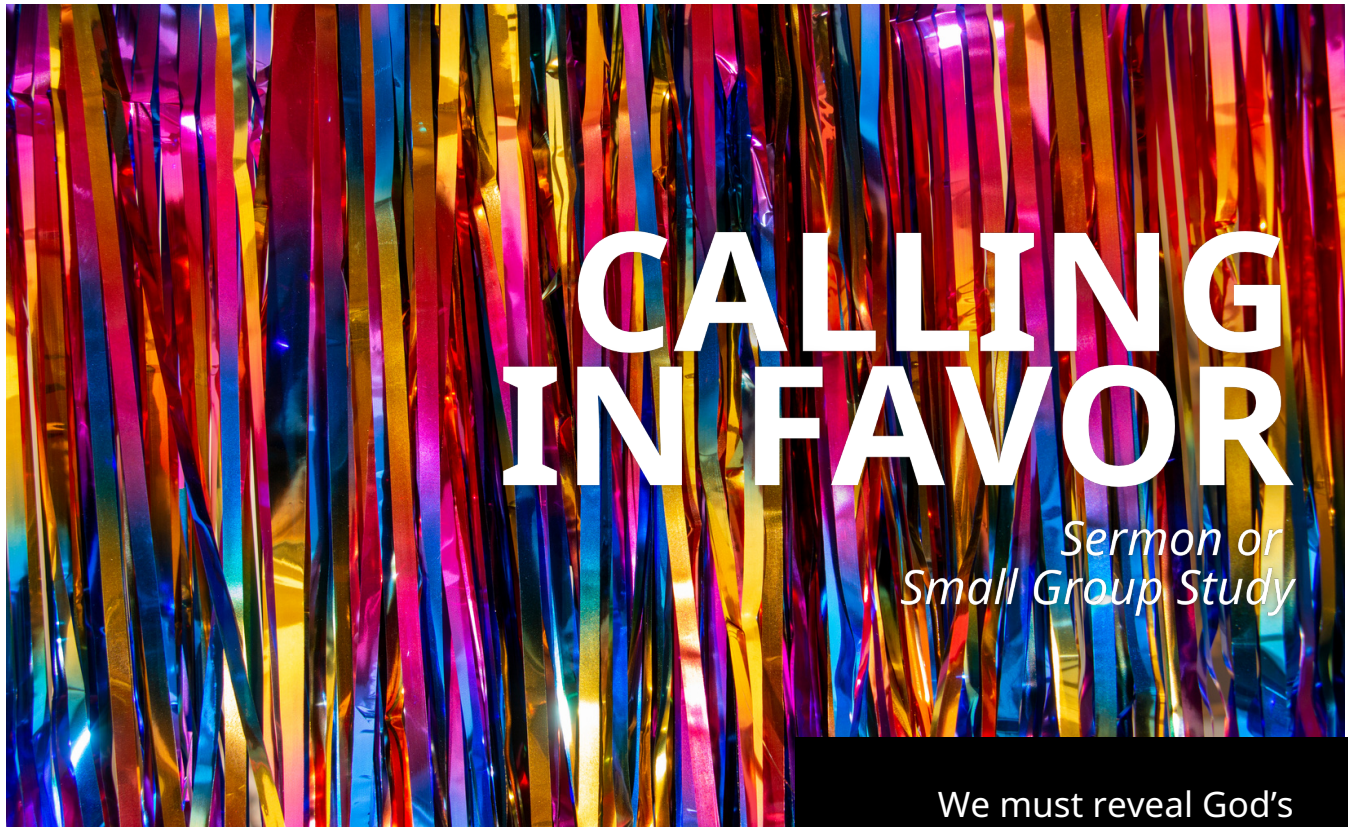
Challenge group members to develop creative strategies for broadcasting a message of hope and transformation in their community.

Call to Action:

- Create a Public Art Installation: Design and create a public art installation that promotes a message of hope, unity, or community pride.
- Organize a Community Event: Plan and host a community event that celebrates diversity, promotes healthy living, or raises awareness about a local issue.

Closing:

Close with a time of creative brainstorming and planning, developing concrete strategies for broadcasting their message of hope and transformation.



Introduction:

Begin by asking the group: "What does grace mean to you? How have you experienced God's grace in your own life?" Discuss the importance of extending grace and compassion to others, even when they don't deserve it.

Setting / Context:

Explore God's decision to withhold judgment from Nineveh and its implications for understanding His character. Highlight the transformative power of grace in changing hearts and communities.

Engage with Scripture:

Read Jonah 3:10, focusing on God's response to the repentance of the people of Nineveh. Why did God relent from sending the threatened disaster? What does this teach us about His nature?

Text: Jonah 3: 10 NLT

God saw what they did. They stopped doing what was evil. So he took pity on them. He didn't destroy them as he had said he would.



Exploration:

- How can we be instruments of God's grace in our community?
- What are some practical ways to show compassion and forgiveness to those who have wronged us or others?
- How can we create a culture of grace within our church and community?
- How does understanding God's grace transform our own lives and relationships?

Application:

Challenge group members to identify specific ways they can reveal God's grace and compassion to those around them.

Call to Action:

- Visit a Nursing Home or Assisted Living Facility: Spend time with residents, offering companionship, conversation, and encouragement.
- Volunteer at a Homeless Shelter: Serve a meal, help with chores, or provide other assistance to those experiencing homelessness.

Closing:

Close with a time of prayer and commitment, asking God to fill them with His grace and compassion and to use them to bless others.



Introduction:

Begin by acknowledging that people are searching for something more, something that will truly satisfy their deepest longings. Discuss the limitations of temporary solutions and the need for a lasting transformation.

Setting / Context:

Review the story of Jonah and the Ninevites, highlighting the "sign of Jonah" as a symbol of repentance and transformation. Connect this to Jesus' claim that "something greater than Jonah is here" (Matthew 12:41).

Engage with Scripture:

Read Matthew 12:38-41, focusing on Jesus' words and their implications for our mission in the community. What did Jesus mean when He said, "something greater than Jonah is here"? How does this challenge us to offer more than just temporary solutions to the problems in our community?

Text: Matthew 12: 38-41 NLT

Some of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law came to Jesus. They said, "Teacher, we want to see a miraculous sign from you."

He answered, "Evil and unfaithful people ask for a miraculous sign! But none will be given except the sign of the prophet Jonah. Jonah was in the stomach of a huge fish for three days and three nights. Something like that will happen to the Son of Man. He will spend three days and three nights in the grave.

"The men of Nineveh will stand up on judgment day with the people now living. And the Ninevites will prove that those people are guilty. The men of Nineveh turned away from their sins when Jonah preached to them. And now one who is more important than Jonah is here.



Exploration:

- What is the "something greater" that we have to offer our community?
- How can we share the love and grace of Jesus in tangible and meaningful ways?
- How can we empower others to experience a personal relationship with Jesus?
- How does our own behavior and witness reflect the transformative power of Christ?

Personal Testimony:

Share a personal story of how your life has been transformed by Jesus and how that transformation has impacted your community.

Application:

Challenge the youth and young adults to consider how they can give "something greater" to their communities today, reflecting the character of Christ in their actions and advocacy.

Call to Action:

Invite attendees to commit to living a life that reflects the love and grace of Jesus, seeking to transform their communities through acts of service, advocacy, and personal witness.

Closing:

Close with a prayer of commitment, asking God to empower them to be agents of transformation in their communities, offering the "something greater" that is found in Jesus Christ.

"Lord, we recognize that you have called us to be more than just spectators in this world. Help us to be active agents of transformation, sharing your love and grace with those around us. Empower us to give 'something greater' to our communities, reflecting your character in our actions and advocacy. In Jesus' name, Amen."

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