

Smithton Church Community Groups

Wednesday 16th May 2012

Brief opener re marriage video

<http://vimeo.com/38033654>

1. Should the marriage have taken place?
2. What did it teach us about the nature of love and marriage?

Now have a look at Jonah 4 – Your leader/ nominated person will read the whole chapter

1. What expectations do we have about the Christian life? (be honest here) How many of us feel that it ought to be easier?
2. What are the signs that Jonah is dissatisfied with God? Can you relate to them?
3. What do helpful testimonies look like?
4. What sudden experiences/events do people look for to take away troubles?
5. Is withdrawal from other Christians and believers understandable? Is it ever justified?
6. What makes our 'pity parties' desirable?
7. Why does God take away things we enjoy – like Jonah's vine?
8. What do verses 6,7 and 8 tell us about the provision of God?
9. Define providence. In what way is it different to luck?
10. We must move on from trouble. Do you agree? What are the options?
11. Can you group remember the poem at the end? Recite what you remember!