

## How Do I Start?

Welcome to **day 20** of our 21 days of prayer and fasting! As we approach the end of our fast I want us all to start praying for the leadership at our church. This means staff, children's workers, production volunteers, worship leaders, choir members, deacons, trustees, committee members, greeters, kitchen staff, D-Group leaders, and anyone else who takes on responsibility at our church. Pray for those who are currently filling those roles and pray for those who God is calling to lead us in the future. As we pray for our leaders we need to pause and think about what they have been called to do. The answer is simple yet profound. They have been called to lead. God has uniquely gifted all of our leaders to lead us where God is telling us to go. Over the next 1000 days God will lead us to do some amazing things and He will lead us through some difficult things. I can't see everything coming our way. But I'll guarantee you this: He's not leading us where we have been. He almost certainly will be guiding us to someplace new and calling us to do things we have never done. This became a problem for Jonah. God was leading him where he did not want to go. It's interesting that Jonah's ministry was incredibly affective but Jonah himself was miserable the whole time. You see Jonah ultimately followed God with his actions but his heart was never in it. Because his heart was not fully committed, he missed the blessings of the journey and the trip was a lot harder than it had to be.

### Things to pray about today:

1. God, prepare our hearts for where you are leading us next.
2. Father, bring us leaders who follow you with all their heart.
3. Lord, raise up leaders in our church family who have a strong faith, are committed to obedience, and are full of Your grace. Lead us to the staff we need, call out leaders from our church family, and bring us 5 new families who are ready to invest in the work You are doing in Forest Park.

## Today's Reading - Jonah 1-4

Read the passage for today and write down anything that stood out to you. God primarily speaks through His word, so, if something "jumped off the page" that was probably God revealing something to you or to our church family. Write it down!

## Pray

Write out your prayer. Or at least the main points. I like to do this section in a different color.

## Listen

Take time to listen to what God is saying to you. Check your understanding against the truth of His word. He will never tell you something that contradicts His word. Be sure to listen throughout the day even after you leave the sanctuary. As He speaks, write it down! I like to use a third color for this part

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

What's on my mind?

Prayer

Today's Scripture

Listen