



I AM JONAH

A lay leader who facilitates a local Bible study for coaches recently said to me, “I cannot think of a better way to begin this fall than by studying the book of Jonah. I am Jonah.”

His words struck me. The events of recent weeks have been devastating, exposing the deep spiritual darkness and division in our world. Outrage is everywhere. Even the best among us feel anger rising—sometimes even hatred or the desire to strike back. Jonah reminds us that this posture is utterly at odds with God’s heart.

We often talk about how coaches have one of the greatest platforms to reach this generation of young people. And it’s true. But with that platform comes a front-row seat to the intense spiritual battles students face every day. Coaches carry these burdens personally, because they care deeply for the lives of those they lead.

Right now, in 24 states, over 800 Bible studies are walking through Jonah together—learning what it means to stay on mission when it feels easier to turn away. It’s quite telling that Jonah is harder to reach than the wicked nation of Nineveh. Jonah is God’s problem. The book’s silence at the end is haunting. It leaves us with

a question: Will we allow God’s compassion for the worst among us to transform our disdain for evildoers? Only when we remember our own desperate need for mercy can we begin to show it to others.

God’s Word does more than confront the brokenness around us—it confronts the brokenness within us. And it calls us to extend His love to a lost and dying world. That is the only hope we have. This is why your prayers and support matter so deeply. Coaches are not just teaching X’s and O’s—they are shaping lives in the middle of a spiritual battlefield.

Now more than ever, we cannot shrink back. Our world is desperate for truth, mercy, and hope—and God is using coaches to deliver it. Let’s press forward together, believing that His compassion can still turn hearts, transform schools, and change a generation.

Your faithful support is not just encouraging—it is making an eternal difference.

Sincerely,

Pete Chiofalo

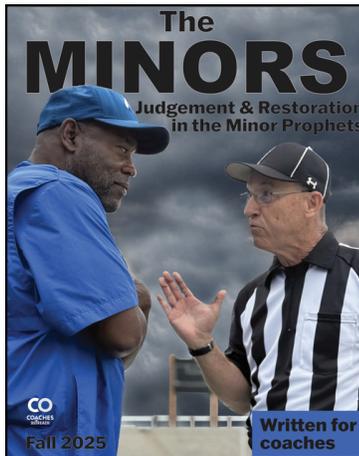
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FALL BIBLE STUDY: THE MINORS

By Mark Chalemin

Once a Christian gets into the habit of taking notes in their Bible, some portions typically fill up faster than others. It's safe to say that the Scriptures we're studying this Fall are almost certainly some of the cleanest pages in anyone's Bible. To be perfectly honest, some of those pages may still be stuck to one another. We're talking about the 12 books known as "The Minor Prophets." This semester's playbook, "The Minors," will cover 5 of those 12 books—Jonah, Obadiah, Joel, Habakkuk, and Malachi.



These books record prophets and prophecies spanning hundreds of years, with different audiences and varying specific concerns. However, their overall message remains the same: God's judgment and restoration. If you've ever wondered how and why God would allow certain events to occur and sins to be committed, you're not alone. These men cried out for justice, both to God and to those living in defiance of God's Word.

Honestly, I understand why so many Christians treat these books like biblical "flyover country." However, once we understand the times and the prophet's message, we're drawn to their powerful relevance and specific application to our own lives. Pray for our coaches as they boldly explore God's truth in these mostly uncharted waters.

Also, please pray for the increasing number of coaches choosing to use the Athlete study and introduce the next generation to a life of faith in the Living God. Next spring, we'll see how God transformed once-fearful apostles to bold proclaimers of their faith as we study Acts 1-9 in "A Whole New Team."



This study just got started this fall in Pineville, LA.

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE
2025 COACHES OUTREACH RETREATS

We had an incredible summer hosting marriage retreats.
 Below is a breakdown of some highlights.

5 LOCATIONS



JUNE 6-8



JUNE 13-15



JUNE 20-22

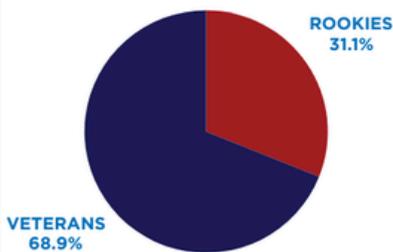


JUNE 27-29



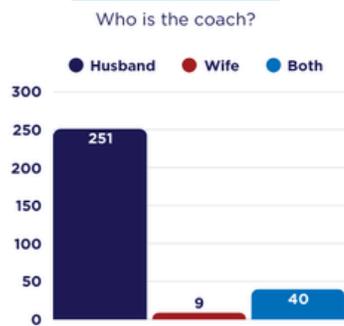
JULY 11-13

280 COUPLES



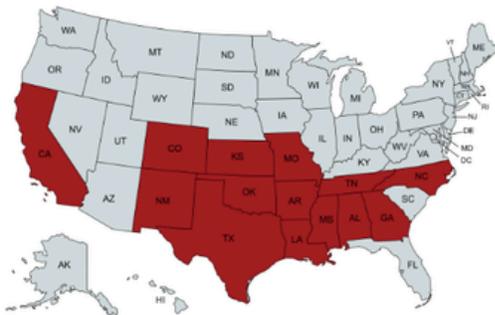
Rookies attended a retreat for the first time.
 Veterans have previously attended a retreat.

300 COACHES



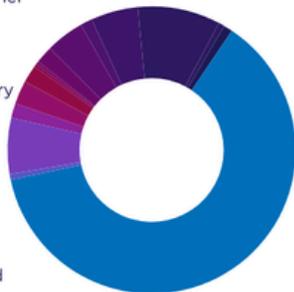
14 STATES

Couples traveled from across 14 states to attend retreats this summer!



15 SPORTS

- Athletic Trainer
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cheer
- Cross Country
- Football
- Golf
- Powerlifting
- Soccer
- Softball
- Swim
- Tennis
- Track & Field
- Volleyball
- Wrestling



222 SCHOOLS



- 20 Middle Schools
- 198 High Schools
- 4 Universities

THANK YOU

Thank you for making this summer possible through your prayers and generosity!

Our donors are impacting coaches and marriages across the country. Please enjoy these quotes from our coaches and spouses attending summer marriage retreats.

Thank you!

Someone said this weekend that we learn the X's and O's of our sport, but why not give ourselves time to learn it of our marriage.

Through Coaches Outreach I have been introduced to the idea that my husband's time and energy away from us is not just his job... but his **MINISTRY!**

(Donor) Because of you, my wife and I, along with 80 other couples at this retreat, were given the gift of time to rest, reconnect, and refocus on Christ and our marriage.

(Donor) You didn't just send us on a retreat, you invested in our marriage, our family, and in the continual ministry that coaches like myself strive to walk out every day.

This retreat shined a light on us for how far away from God we have been.

Our family motto has always been; God, Family, Education...and I think it is time to re-center ourselves around that.

God truly showed up this weekend and showed me how incredibly important my marriage is!



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- JACKIE & GENE SNEED from Mike Sneed

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Coaches Outreach Banquet

FEBRUARY 1, 2026

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