

Jonah

A Journey Of Faith



The Boat: Jonah's Attempt To Run And Hide

Jonah 1:1-17

Discussion Questions | Jeff Randleman | January 1, 2023

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– Jonah 1:1-3 (ESV)

The following questions can be used for Small Group discussions or for personal reflection:

1. Before anything else, take a few moments and jot down everything that you know about Jonah and his story.
2. Read Jonah 1:1-17. Take note of anything that stands out to you or that you may have questions about.
3. What was God's task for Jonah? Why did Jonah run?
4. Has God ever asked you to do something you didn't want to do? What was your response?
5. Do you think that Jonah really believed that he could run and hide from God? Have you ever thought this?
6. How does the storm reflect God's mercy? How does the fish that swallows Jonah reflect it?
7. When Jonah disobeyed, why didn't God just choose someone else to go to Nineveh? How does this apply to your own life?
8. What have you learned from Jonah 1 that is new? How does this help you understand God and your relationship with him better?
9. For further study, read the following Scriptures (used in today's message): Jonah 1:1-17; Matthew 12:39-41; 2 Kings 14:25; James 4:17; Numbers 32:23; Psalm 139:7-10; Hebrews 12:6-7.

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When You Run From God...

God _____ you.

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God is ready to _____ you.