



SMALL GROUP STUDY

Jonah - anything to get out of a task

What's going on inside the Prophet, Jonah? 48 verses tell us about a minor prophet with a major mission. He was tasked with going to the town of Nineveh and share some terrible news with them. He's not happy about this task and he flees in the opposite direction only to end up in the belly of a fish about to die.

Running from God (1)

Jonah's fleeing from the presence of God. God tells Jonah to give Nineveh the news that they will be destroyed in 40 days.

Discussion Questions:

- What reasons can you present to testify to the truth of the story of a guy named Jonah?
- Why did Jonah intend to flee from the presence of God?
- Can you flee from God's presence? What scriptures can you provide to back up your answer?
- What things hindered Jonah in his fleeing?
- What did the mariners do after they threw Jonah into the sea?

Running to God (2)

Jonah starts praying and seeking God and conforming to His will (from the fish's belly).

Discussion Questions:

- What did Jonah endure after being thrown in the sea?
- When did Jonah pray to God?
- What lesson did Jonah learn?
- What is an idol? What was Jonah's idol?

Running with God (3)

Jonah now is going to be the ambassador to take the message of God to the people of Nineveh. This is the biggest revival ever. 100% of Ninevites heard, received and responded to the message.

Discussion Questions:

- Why do you think the people of Nineveh listened to Jonah rather than just kill him?
- What is the "sign of the prophet Jonah."
- Why did God relent from His plan to destroy Nineveh in 40 days. What was Jonah's response?

A Run in with God (4)

Jonah and God have a run in, a serious disagreement.

Discussion Questions:

- Examine your heart: what positive or negative characteristics of Jonah have you experienced in your own life?
- Are you concerned about your own comfort zone?