

## **Study Guide**

### **Jonah 1- Adrift**

1. Read Jonah 1:1-3. Even though God's word is authoritative, why do you think Jonah ran the other way? Read 2 Peter 3:9. What is God's desire?
2. Read Jonah 1:4-8. Can you describe a time when God sent a 'storm' into someone's life to wake him or her out of complacency? What did you observe? What hidden attitudes came to the surface?
3. Read Jonah 1:9-17. Discuss how Jonah started to be honest in the storm. How can it be helpful to be honest with God and ourselves when it comes to what is really happening in our lives?
4. Notice the pivotal point in the story when Jonah is willing to offer up his life to save the crew (type of Christ). What good things start to happen after this?
5. Discuss the concept that God is able to use our failures for His purposes. What might God be doing through our failures, provided we are honest through the process?
6. What does the provision of the whale represent (v.17)? How has God already provided for our rescue?

### **Application**

Pray for God to rescue us from our tendency towards complacency and give us a vision for what His desire is for us as witnesses. Are there any next steps God is revealing to you?

## Message Slides

### Jonah 1

#### A. When God Speaks (1)

"Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, ..."

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2 Kings 14:25 "He was the one who restored the boundaries of Israel ... in accordance with the word of the LORD, ... spoken through his servant Jonah son of Amittai, ..."

#### **"the word of the Lord"**

Gen. 1:3 "And God said, 'Let there be light...'"

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Deut. 18:16-18

"Let us not hear the voice of the LORD our God nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die." The LORD said to me: "What they say is good. I will raise up for them a **prophet** like you from among their fellow Israelites, and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him."

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Luke 24:25-27

"He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ... And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself."

#### B. When God's Purposes Intersect with my World. (2-3)

"'Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before me.' But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish. So he paid the fare and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the Lord."

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**Why didn't Jonah follow through?**

**Map of Assyria**

**What might Jonah be feeling?**

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Isaiah 49:6b

"I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Matt. 28- "Go into all the world and preach the gospel..."

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2 Peter 3:9

"The Lord ...is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance."

### **C. When God uses the World to Change me (4-8)**

"But the Lord hurled a great wind upon the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship threatened to break up. Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried out to his god. And they hurled the cargo that was in the ship into the sea to lighten it for them. But Jonah had gone down into the inner part of the ship and had lain down and was fast asleep."

1. Adrift

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2. Asleep

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### **3. Awakened (v.6-8)**

"So the captain came and said to him, 'What do you mean, you sleeper? Arise, call out to your god! Perhaps the god will give a thought to us, that we may not perish.' And they said to one another, 'Come, let us cast lots, that we may know on whose account this evil has come upon us.' So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. Then they said to him, 'Tell us on whose account this evil has come upon us. What is your occupation? And where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?'"

### **D. When Being Honest Leads to Change (9-17)**

"And he said to them, 'I am a Hebrew, and I fear the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land.' Then the men were exceedingly afraid and said to him, 'What is this that you have done!' For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the Lord, because he had told them. Then they said to him, 'What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us? For the sea grew more and more tempestuous. He said to them, 'Pick me up and hurl me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you, for I know it is because of me that this great tempest has come upon you.'"

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#### **4. God rescues people (13–17)**

"Instead, the men did their best to row back to land. But they could not, for the sea grew even wilder than before. Then they cried to the LORD, "O LORD, please do not let us die for taking this man's life. Do not hold us accountable for killing an innocent man, for you, O LORD, have done as you pleased." Then they took Jonah and threw him overboard, and the raging sea grew calm. At this the men greatly feared the LORD, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows to him.

But the LORD provided a great fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was inside the fish three days and three nights."