

PRACTICAL APPLICATION _____

1. What are some consequences we experience today when we run from God's will?

What are the benefits of obeying God and doing what He asks of us?

2. What is something you think God may be asking you to do now? What steps can you take this week towards doing this?

Who is God sending you to share the Good News? What is keeping you from following through with what God has asked of you?

PRAYER REQUESTS _____

MESSAGE NOTES

Jonah series

Chapter 1

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As soon as we _____ we are runners, we will experience help from God.

If you want to _____ from God, there will _____ be a _____ to take you.

Living under the authority of God is the _____ place we could be.

Seeing God for who He is is realizing that you can hide _____ Him and not _____ Him.

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CONNECT GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

For the week of February 19, 2023

Jonah series - Chapter 1

GETTING STARTED _____

1. Growing up, did you ever want to run away from home? Why or why not?
2. What does it mean to “run away” from God? Is it possible to run away from Him? Explain.
3. When you were growing up, what was your perception of the story of Jonah? Did you think it was a true or fictional story?

DIGGING DEEPER _____

1. Read **Jonah 1:7-13**. What do these verses teach us about Jonah? About the sailors?

Through divine intervention, the sailors knew Jonah was to blame for the storm. Why do you think God uses other people to bring our sins to light?

2. Accountability is not something that comes naturally to us. How do you typically respond when other people hold you accountable for your actions?

What does this tell you about yourself? What does it tell you about how much God cares for you?

3. It's obvious from what we read in **Jonah 1** that Jonah was not interested in going to Nineveh. Has God ever asked you to do something so difficult that you said no or ran from what He was asking of you?

4. Read the following passages. What the difference between the attitude of Jonah and the response of people in the situations below?

- Rahab – **Joshua 2**
- Esther – **Esther 4 and 5**
- Peter – **Acts 12:5-17**
- Paul – **Acts 16:6-10**

What was at stake for each of the people in these passages? Why do you think they followed through with what they were being asked to do?