

FBC Groups Ministry Discussion Guide

The “I Am Jonah” Series

Special Edition: Avoiding the “Jonah” Mistakes

Jonah 1:1–3

What does knowing God mean to you? The story of Jonah helps us answer that question with greater meaning beyond the big ship, the big storm, and the big fish. Knowing God is more than being saved by God. Although personal faith in Jesus is how we experience salvation, it also brings us into a relationship in which we discover true identity, value, and purpose. Consider those greater things from God as our journey in Jonah continues. Read Jonah 1:1–3.

There is no better example of blatant and obvious rebellion than Jonah’s decision to go south to Joppa and make a beeline move west towards Tarshish. But make no mistake, you don’t have to be so obvious to be running from God. In fact, you can be sitting still and still be running from God. We have much more subtle and creative ways to run from God. And so the question today is this... What can we do to avoid the mistakes that Jonah made?

1. Position yourself to be available to God
2. Position yourself to be attentive to God
3. Position yourself to be agreeable with God

Questions for Group Discussion:

1. Discuss the ways that God was speaking to Jonah in keeping with verse one.
2. What are the ways that God is speaking to us today? Consider Hebrews 1:1.
3. Discuss what it means to be available to God and how that is going for you.
4. How would it feel to detach from your smart phone? Are there moments for that?
5. If God were your smart phone, how available and attentive to Him would you be?
6. How comfortable are you with silence? How does that help you hear from God?
7. Jonah had a literal Nineveh calling. What might your “Nineveh” be?
8. What are the things holding you back from your next adventure with God?

Final Thoughts and Closing Prayer:

What will you do to enjoy more personal time with God this week?

How will this study bring you closer to Jesus and how will you help others?

Notes & Reflections: