

FBC Groups Ministry Discussion Guide

The “I Am Jonah” Series

Part Two: The Not So Great Get-Away

Jonah was Running, but God was Still Working, Jonah 1:4–17

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 1:4–17.

Warning: This may prove frustrating or exhausting. But there is nothing you can do to make God less than God. Choosing not to believe in or running from God will not change who He is. We see that in the story of Jonah with Jonah running, but God still working. And God was not just working, He was superintending what He wanted to happen. Jonah learned some important truth about God’s character and essence even as he ran from God, including...

1. Running from God does not Limit His Greatness
2. Running from God does not Limit His Glory
3. Running from God does not Limit His Grace

Questions for Group Discussion:

1. What evidence of God’s greatness and glory do we see in Jonah 1?
2. What evidence of God’s greatness have you experienced in your life?
3. Describe a time when you “ran” from God. What was the result?
4. Consider God’s glory vs. worldly darkness. What are you most contributing to?
5. Discuss what motivated Jonah to sacrifice his life for others on the ship.
6. Describe a time when God worked in a way that you didn’t expect.
7. To whom do you have the hardest time extending grace?
8. How does God sending the fish point ahead to the gospel?

Final Thoughts and Closing Prayer:

What will you do to glorify God and live by His grace this week?

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

Notes & Reflections: