

FBC Groups Ministry Discussion Guide

The “I Am Jonah” Series

Part Three: Running with God, Not from God

Jonah 3:1–10

What does saying “yes” to 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, opportunity, and purpose. Consider those greater things from God as our journey in Jonah continues. Read Jonah 3:1–10.

Jonah was “covered with humility” as he found himself back on the beach after being vomited out from the big fish. He was back to where his rebellion had begun and perhaps wondering what his next steps would be. Was he too broken and damaged to be of further service to God? Because of God’s amazing grace and love, there were new opportunities beyond his rebellion. He could now run with God instead of away from God, and his experience gives us these expectations...

1. Be ready for God to include you
2. Be ready for God to instruct you
3. Be ready for God to impress you

Questions for Group Discussion:

1. God humbled Jonah on the beach. Describe a time when God humbled you.
2. Describe a time when you’ve been excluded. What does it mean to be included?
3. How does God’s grace make a way for God to include you? Read Eph. 2:8-10.
4. God instructed Jonah by speaking to him. How does God instruct us today?
5. Are you able to step out with having all the details figured out? Why or why not?
6. Read Proverbs 3:5-6. Discuss what it means to trust God as Jonah did.
7. How did Nineveh respond to God’s message? How are you responding to God?
8. God was at work in Nineveh. Describe a time when God impressed you.

Final Thoughts and Closing Prayer:

What will you do to discover the next steps that God has for you?

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

Notes & Reflections: