

On The Run -- Week 1
You Can't Outrun God
Jonah 1
March 1, 2020

Getting To Know You:

- 1) Which phone calls are you most likely to a) Reject? b) Put off responding to? c) Answer immediately? Why?
- 2) Have you ever been on a mission trip? What were your fears/reservations? Why did you decide to go?
- 3) Have you ever been caught in a terrible storm while traveling? Describe it.

Digging Deeper:

- 4) Is this the first time God has spoken to Jonah? (See 2 Kings 14:25) Why is Jonah's reaction surprising? Why do you think Jonah disobeyed? Why was his plan ridiculous?
- 5) What did Jonah do when the storm threatened to break up the ship? What does this say about his: 1) state of mind? b) concern for his own life? c) concern for the lives/souls of the others onboard the ship?
- 6) In the midst of the storm, who saw the need to cry out to a "higher power": a) in verse 5? b) in verse 6? Who finally cried to the Lord (v. 14)? Why didn't Jonah cry out to God?
- 7) How did Jonah define himself in verse 9? Did his actions match his claim? Why did this make the sailors "exceedingly afraid?" What's the irony of this situation?
- 8) What effect did God stirring and stilling the storm have on the sailors? In what sense are they saved (compare vv. 5, 16)? How is Jonah saved?
- 9) What does Psalm 139:7-10 say about our attempts to run from/hide from God? To whom might these words be troubling? Why is this promise comforting?
- 10) What does God's pursuit of Jonah reveal about a) the justice and mercy of God? b) the sovereignty of God? c) human fear and faith?

Living It Out:

- 11) When have you refused to do something you knew God was calling you to do? What was the result?
- 12) What is the potential collateral damaged caused when we try to run away from God? In our: a) relationship with God? b) prayer life? c) family? d) mission? e) testimony as a believer?
- 13) Today do you feel like you are running ___ Toward God or ___ Away from God? How can our group pray for you?