

SERMON SERIES: JONAH
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Sermon title:

“Jonah: When You Want To Run Away.”

Introduction

We are kicking off a new series today on the book of Jonah. These next few weeks we will be focusing on the book of Jonah. Last week we concluded our series The Difference He Makes, where we talked about the difference God makes in our lives through the fruit of the Spirit. Now, as we begin going through Jonah, we are going to focus on what God can teach us through this story.

- Do you have any stories from your life that seem absolutely unbelievable but are totally true? Share a humorous, inspiring, or encouraging story.

Seek the Word

Read Jonah 1.

- Why does God tell Jonah to go to Nineveh?
- In verse 16, why might it say the men “fear” the Lord? What does that mean?
- What makes verse 9 significant in this story?
- What does this passage tell us about God’s personality?

Go Deeper

The city of Nineveh, where God sent Jonah, belonged to the nation of Assyria. Take some time to read up on the relationship and geography of Assyria compared to Israel. This will help you contextualize the story of Jonah.

Talk About It

- Why can it be difficult to love people you disagree with or who have hurt you?
- Have you ever tried to outrun God?
- How have you experienced God pursuing you?
- What step can you take today to run towards God instead of away?

Wrap Up

Reminder: God gets involved in our lives, not to pay us back but to bring us back.

Challenge: This week, take a short inventory of some different areas of your life. Rank them on a scale from 1-5 of how well you feel you are handing those areas over to God. Then, spend time in prayer for each area individually, asking God to help you surrender to Him more fully.