



“Man on the Run”

February 7, 2021

Text: Jonah 1:1-6

Part 1 of “The Book of Jonah”

Introduction

Jonah:

Nineveh:

Tarshish:

1. Jonah is Commissioned and Flees (Jonah 1:1-3)

a. The _____ of the Lord will _____ with you.

b. The _____ way is the _____ way.

2. The Lord sends a Tempest (Jonah 1:4-6)

- a. You cannot _____ the _____ of God.

- b. _____ will lead to _____ .

- c. God will _____ you with _____ .

ACTIVITY & DISCUSSION FOR FAMILIES

Watch "The Book of Jonah" by The Bible Project together this week and again a few times throughout this sermon series. You can find it on their website or on YouTube or at bethelfree.com/jonah. Share one thing you notice from the video and one question you have about the book of Jonah.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Dig Deeper: Grab a good study Bible that has notes, a concordance, or a cross-reference system and study ideas, words, and themes from this sermon deeper.

Read the entire book of Jonah.

Take a moment to look back on your week! Have a couple people share: what are some highs, lows, and/or buffalos? (Highs=highpoints, Lows=low points, Buffalos=interesting)

What from the sermon jumped out at you this week?

What interested you or surprised you?

What was confusing or you would like to think about more?

Last sermon series we looked at the Tabernacle described in Exodus, from the section of the Old Testament called the Torah or Law, which contains the history and origins of Israel as well as the covenant given to them by the Lord. This series comes from a section called "The Prophets," messengers and messages from God to His people. Share how familiar you are with the Old Testament. What do you like about studying the Old Testament? What is challenging about it? What do you know about the relationship between the Old and New Testament?

Read Jonah 1:1-6. Note words and phrases that are repeated.

What are some things you notice about the Lord in this passage?

Identify something you believe the Lord may be calling you to address or respond to, that you have maybe been ignoring. What does it look like to run towards that rather than away from that immediately and/or in the weeks ahead?

What is your Tarshish? Where, or to what, are you tempted to flee to in order to hide from God?

What does the evil of Nineveh make you think about? What do you think of Jonah's rejection of God's mission for him? What do you think of God's intent to see Nineveh repent and be saved?

Take some time to pray together, and that God would work in our hearts as we study the book of Jonah, Jonah as a person, God's mercy, and the mission God has given us.