

Can you run from God?

Scripture: Jonah 1:1-3

Who is Jonah?

How does Jonah respond to God in these verses?

“When you run away from the Lord you never get to where you are going, and you always pay your own fare. On the other hand, when you go the Lord’s way you always get to where you are going, and he pays the fare.” (Donald Grey Barnhouse)

What does Jonah teach us about God?

- Sovereign Lord
- God of worldwide grace, mercy, and love
- God who cares about his wayward children

Jonah points us to Jesus – Matthew 12:38-41

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At Home Study Guide

For the week of August 8, 2021

Jonah – you may have heard the story, but have you thought through what it means to us today? In this five-week series through these events in the life of Jonah, think about God’s greatness and God’s mercy. Think also about how you are responding to God’s call on your life. How are you responding to God?

1. Take 5 minutes this week and read through the book of Jonah – it’s only 48 verses long. What jumps out at you as you first read through it? How does God’s second chance for Jonah encourage you?
2. Read 1 Tim. 2:4 and 2 Pet. 3:9. What do those verses teach you about God’s mercy for those who don’t know him? How can you grow in the same kind of broad and deep love that God has for the lost?
3. Read Matt. 12:38-41. For what purpose does Jesus use the events in the life of Jonah as an illustration?
4. God is always working on you and me, especially when he uses us in the lives of others. What do you think God is trying to teach you these days? How is God challenging you as you look at your heart?

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