

Jonah 1

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Main Idea: Worship the God who pursues His fleeing people

I. God commissioned His servant with a mission (1-2)

II. God's servant ran from His presence (3)

III. But God pursued His servant (4)

IV. God's severe mercy (5-17)

Sermon Study Guide

(Reminder: The purpose of the questions is to explore the text and themes of the sermon. **Do not feel a need to go through all of the questions.**

The goal is to stimulate discussion/reflection and transformation related to the sermon text and themes.)

1. Why would God send Jonah to preach to Israel's enemies (v. 1-2)? What does this reveal about God's character? What does this reveal about God's plans for the world, then and now?
2. Why did Jonah run from God (v. 3)? Why do we? Can anyone escape God's presence? Is this a terror or a comfort to you, why?
3. Why did God pursue Jonah (v. 4)? Why does God pursue us? Meditate on Ephesians 2:1-7
4. Look at v. 5-15 and consider the apathy of Jonah and the efforts of the sailors. Where might you be ignoring or resisting God's pursuit of you?
5. Chapter 1 reveals that God's word, work, and will always wins. What takeaways do you see in v. 16-17?