

# York St Small Groups

## Sermon Based Studies

SUNDAY 27 JUNE 2021

**OBEYING THE VOICE OF GOD**

Jonah 1:1-17



**These studies are designed to be explored after hearing the Sunday sermon and also to be accompanied by a time of prayer/sharing.**



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## **GETTING STARTED**

**Q1.** Has there been a time when you knew God was clearly leading you with a decision? Or was he calling you to do something that you had not expected? What was your response?

**Q2.** Has God surprised you with a decision, idea or thought that caused you to question whether it is God or not?

Have you ever disobeyed God deliberately because you didn't want to be obedient?

## **INTO THE WORD**

*Read Jonah 1:1-17*

**Q3.** Jonah had his own ideas, his own opinions and his own free will. In V3 we read that Jonah went in the opposite direction to God's leading. Do you think that Christians today choose to go the opposite direction to God's call on our lives?

**Q4.** How can we be bold enough to follow God's voice, no matter the outcome?

Would you still follow God's voice even if the outcome went against your own desires and opinions?

## **GOING DEEPER**

*Read Jonah 2:1-10*

**Q5.** Why do we think we have a choice when it comes to God's will? We have a choice in our 'action' or 'response', but God is God and His plans will always take place. It's whether we are willing to be a part of them or not that is the question.

Jonah has an awakening to this and cries out in prayer. What do we need to pray for in order to be on the same agenda as God?

*Read Jonah 3:1-10*

**Q6.** Our God is a God of second chances and a God of love. We can often forget that there is also a master plan for this world. God's plan was offered to Jonah a second time and we see that this time he obeyed (v3). God also shows the same forgiveness that he shows Jonah to the people of Nineveh (v10).

In your world who are the people of Nineveh? What is God's attitude to them? What is God calling you to do about this?

### **Pray**

Loving God, we ask that we would have eyes to see you, ears to hear, and hearts to obey. May we never miss your guiding hand and call on our lives, and may we be obedient to you always. Forgive us for those times we said no to you, or the times we were too distracted to hear your loving voice. May we your sheep listen to the voice of the Master and follow Him. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.