

JONAH



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JONAH SERIES: WEEK 1

**SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION
QUESTIONS**

SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2023

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JONAH 1:1-3

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GETTING STARTED

- Reflect on your week and how you have interacted with other people, is there an interaction that stands out?

- Can you think of someone you really like to be around? What about someone you really DON'T like to be around?

INTO THE WORD

READ: JONAH 1:1-3

- Jonah is clearly called to 'GO' and share God's message, yet heads in the opposite direction, can you think of a time when God was clear with an instruction to you? How did God communicate that message?
- Can you think of a time when you said 'NO' to God or chose not to obey God's word? Why did you choose this, and what were the consequences?

GOING DEEPER

READ: JONAH 1:1-3

- While Jonah accepts, that he is responsible for the storm, he would rather 'die' (v12) than obey God's plans, the sailors in contrast turn to God for forgiveness (v14). Are there times when we look more like Jonah than the sailors?
- In the final verses of Jonah 1:15-17, we see the sailors worship God, but also God rescues Jonah from certain death. We see a parallel between our response and God's love here it's also a reminder that God's words in ways (a fish) are different to our expectations.
- How has God helped you in 'different' ways? When was the last time you truly worshipped (like the sailors) God because of what he has done for you?

PRAY TOGETHER AS A GROUP