



## Where Am I Going? Jonah 1:1-4

*These questions are provided to lead the group in **applying** the teaching from Sunday. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you in being a doer of God's Word. Challenge each other and be vulnerable as God works IN and THROUGH you together.*

1. Who has God placed on your heart to invite to The Table (1-Year Rally)? Have you had any table meetings yet (Church? Community? Cultures?)? If so, how's it going?
2. If you had a chance to go on a cruise anywhere in the world, where would you go?
3. Did you hear anything about Jonah from the sermon that was new to you or impacted you in some way?
4. Read Jonah 1:1-2. What does God tell Jonah? What are your thoughts about the idea that God still speaks to us today like he spoke to Jonah? How have you experienced God directing you through Scripture, prayer, Christians, and/or the Holy Spirit?
5. What about God's call and command to Jonah was both fitting and surprising?
6. This story illustrates to us how God changes people. God sends people to transform people. Agree or disagree? Why? If this is true, who is God sending you to influence?
7. Read Jonah 1:3. Knowing what Nineveh was like, what are some possible reasons Jonah might have not wanted to go there? Why do you think Jonah disobeyed and ran?
8. How is Jonah's story our story? When is a time you have run from God? Why did you run? What brought you back?
9. How is running from God's call equivalent to running from his presence? How does our disobedience to God affect our intimacy with God? When is a time your disobedience to God negatively impacted your intimacy with God?
10. Discuss the geography of this scene. Where was Nineveh and where was Tarshish? Talk about the lengths we tend to go to when we are running from God and why we do it.
11. Read Jonah 1:4. Disobedience always costs us something. Talk about the relationship between sin and storms.
12. What is the most severe storm you have ever encountered (tornado, hurricane, etc.)? Has a symbolic storm (sickness, layoff, etc.) ever hit your life? What was it like? What caused it? How did you get through it? Did God show you anything during the storm?
13. What is your Nineveh (where God is directing you)? What is your Tarshish (where you are heading that is not Nineveh)? Where are you going: Nineveh or Tarshish? Explain.
14. How can this group pray for you and our church this week? Pray for people to invite to your Church Table, Community Table, and Cultural Table.