Sermon Study Guide November 2, 2025

Summary

This week, we begin our study of the book of Jonah, focusing on Jonah 1:1–6.

Nineveh, the capital of Assyria, was known for its great wickedness and cruelty.

God saw their sin and called Jonah, a prophet, to go and preach against their sin.

Instead of obeying God and taking a warning to the Ninevites, Jonah chose to run from the Lord and board a ship headed in the opposite direction, toward Tarshish.

As a fierce storm sent by God threatened to break the ship apart, the terrified sailors cried out to their own gods for help, while Jonah slept below deck. The captain found him and urgently pleaded with him to get up and call on his God for mercy.

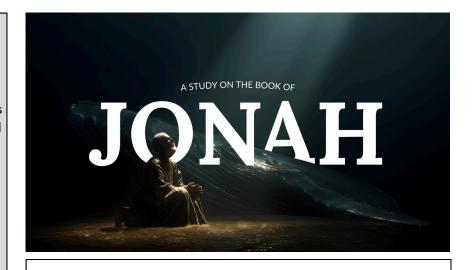
Upcoming Events

- NEW MOM SOCIAL
 @ TBC GREENWAY
 November 8th // 9:00am
- BAPTISM SUNDAY
 November 9th // 10:00am
- BRIDGE MEN'S BREAKFAST November 15th // 9:00am
- LUNCH FOR ACCELERATED LEARNING CENTER STAFF November 21st // 11:30am

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Group Discussion

1. Did anything in the sermon clarify something for you, catch your attention, challenge you, or leave you confused?

Read Jonah 1:1-6

- 2. What does it mean that "the word of the Lord came" to Jonah?
- 3. In what ways does God speak to His people today, and how do you recognize His voice?
- 4. What do you learn about God and His character from verse 2?
- 5. Nineveh was known for its ruthless cruelty and evil. What feelings come up when you think about God extending mercy to those today who seem undeserving of it?
- 6. What stands out to you about Jonah's response to God's call? Has there been a time when God asked you to do something you didn't want to do? How did you respond, and what did you learn from the experience?"
- 7. When have you, like Jonah in vs 5, tried to "sleep through" conviction or avoid dealing with what God is doing?
- 8. How might God use "storms" in your life to pursue you, get your attention and draw you back to Him?

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Devotion for this Week

In Jonah 1:1–6, we encounter a God whose mercy is extraordinary. Though Nineveh was full of wickedness and deserving of judgment, God extended an opportunity for repentance and salvation. God's heart is always for redemption, even for those considered enemies.

Jonah's response, however, is all too human. Instead of surrendering to God's plan, he runs in the opposite direction, hoping to escape the Lord's call. Yet, God's pursuit is relentless. Even in Jonah's disobedience, God's mercy and sovereign purposes remain at work.

These verses remind us that God's mercy knows no limits. They also invite us to reflect on how we respond to His voice. God speaks to us through His Word, but are we listening? Or do we resist, like Jonah, when obedience feels uncomfortable or inconvenient?

How will you praise God today for the grace and mercy He's shown you? Who might need to hear the Good News of His forgiveness this week? Or perhaps, like Jonah asleep in the storm, have we become indifferent to the spiritual desperation of those around us who are trying, and failing, to navigate life without God?

Prayer: Lord, help us to lean into Your ways even when we don't understand. Awaken our hearts and teach us to see all people through the lens of your great mercy and grace. Amen.

Sermon Notes:				

Scripture: Jonah 1:1-6