



Sermon Notes

Sermon Nineveh or Nirvana

Scripture Jonah 1:1-17 NRSVue

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Discussion Questions

1. What's different about Jonah compared to the other Hebrew prophets?
2. Why has this story captured the imagination of people over the centuries?
3. Jonah ran from God and God's call upon his life. Why did he? How do we do the same today?
4. Joseph Campbell once said: The cave you fear to enter holds the treasure you seek. What does this mean? How might it apply to Jonah and us?
5. Tarshish was in the exact opposite direction of Ninevah. It was also an exotic getaway far from cares or responsibilities. What are our modern day "Tarshishes" and "Shangri-Las" we look for in order to escape what we don't want to do, but need to do?
6. In Jonah, the "pagans" are spiritual and the "spiritual" (namely Jonah) are rather ungodly in this book. What is the book teaching us here?
7. What do we learn about the character of God from the book of Jonah?

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