

# Jonah 1

## *Revealing the Jonah in us*

### **Small Group Discussion Questions**

Read Jonah chapter 1.

1. On a scale of 1-10, how familiar are you with the book of Jonah? (1=I've never heard of it; 10=I could teach a course on it)
2. "We are Jonah." As Christians, how are we like Jonah? When have you had a season running from God?
3. Conditional obedience: Sometimes we "hear" God only when it suits us. Jonah ran from God; he didn't fully obey. What can conditional obedience look like in our lives (examples: does obedience come before comfort, reputation, politics, beliefs, relationships)?
4. What are some of the ways God pursues Jonah in this passage? Think of God's sovereignty. God rules over sea, storm, fish, and salvation. How has God used "storms" in your life to redirect you toward repentance, clarity, or renewed faith?
5. Grace vs. resentment: Sometimes we're angry when God shows mercy to others. Jonah was "tickled off" by God's grace to those Ninevite sinners. Where are we tempted to think: "They don't deserve it," "God is going too far," or "This should not be forgiven"? How do we overcome this resentment?
6. Jonah's story highlights God's mission to all peoples through unlikely people. Sometimes he calls us or our church to be "unlikely messengers." What "mission" is God placing near you or our church right now (neighbors, workplace, town, difficult relationships) and what is one concrete next step you or our church can take?