

The Heart of a Missionary, part 1

Jonah 1

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Note: This tool is designed for groups, though it can be used for personal study. It is also designed to equip and motivate you to share the gospel with others. Don't just learn it; do it.

Target Passage → Jonah 1:1-16

- 1) Read the chapter and note all the different characters and objects that are faithful and respond to the Lord's command.
- 2) Why is Jonah's description of himself to the sailors ironic?
- 3) Why doesn't the Lord allow the sailors to get back to dry land?
- 4) Explain the irony of the final scene of the chapter.

Bridge Passages (for further study) → Genesis 12:1-4, Acts 2:1-21

For Me →

- 1) What are some of the ways people hide from the presence of the Lord?
- 2) Do you think it's possible today, like Jonah, to claim to be faithful to the Lord while actively running from the Lord? What would that look like?

For the Mission →

- 1) How does Jonah serve as a cautionary tale for how we as individuals (and as a church) think about missions?
- 2) What's the diagnosis of your own heart after reading Jonah 1?

PRAYER FOCUS

Ask the Lord for a heart of faithfulness to go and do whatever he calls you to do for his mission, at whatever cost.