



Jonah: reluctant prophet of God/name means “Dove.”
Amittai: means truth. Jonah was the son of truth.
Nineveh: Capital city of Assyria, Israel's worst enemy, treated enemies brutally.

Jonah at Home Week 2: “The Jonah In Us”

Jonah 1:4-17

Discovery Questions:

Jonah (the prophet) was asleep at the wheel, while the sailors (pagans) were wide awake. How is this a reflection of our lives? How is the church asleep today to the storms around us?

What is surprising about how the sailors responded to Jonah's confession? Why did Jonah tell the sailors to throw him into the sea? What does this reveal about his heart? (What is missing from Jonah's confession?)

How did God use the storm to grab the attention of the sailors? How did God use Jonah's disobedience to save the sailors? What hope does this give you concerning your past disobediences?

Do you believe it is possible to survive in the belly of a great fish—do you view this as a supernatural miracle or do you believe it's a parable? Does it matter which point of view you take? Why or why not?

What does god's pursuit of Jonah reveal about God? How does this fact about god impact you personally?



Group Connection:

God may send a storm to grab your attention. What kind of storms has God used in the past (or present) to get your attention? What did your storm reveal to you? How long did it take for you to have a change of heart? How did God use the storm to change the way you think about Him and His mercy toward others?

Your disobedience will cost others. Share some examples of how the consequences of our disobedience can affect others. Think about a time when you disobeyed God. Who was affected by your disobedience? **What has God asked you to do that you haven't done? (Is there any area of disobedience in your life?)** How is your disobedience harming others? Are you presently suffering because of someone else's disobedience to God? How do you need to pray for this person?

Jonah's worst nightmare was exactly what he needed. What was God's purpose in sending the storm and great fish? In the past how has God used your worst circumstances to turn your life around? What nightmare are you currently going through and how could this be exactly what you need (from God's perspective?)

Personal Meditation:

Who or what is currently your Nineveh? With whom in your life have you refused to share God's message of mercy and grace? Are you withholding God's message because of fear, bitterness, judgment or something else? Confess your disobedience to God and receive His grace to obey. Forgive your enemies and pray for them. Ask God to give you another opportunity to share His message of love and grace.

