

Bible Study
Jonah 1:1-17

Opening Question:

1. Why is it difficult to love our “enemies” or to love people we think are evil?

Read Jonah 1:1-17

1. What did God tell Jonah to do?
 - (a) What do you think it means to preach/speak against something?
 - (b) Why is he running away?
 - (c) What do God’s initial call and Jonah’s response tell us about Jonah?
2. Does God still speak like he spoke to Jonah?
 - (a) What are some of the ways that God uses to make people understand His will?
3. Is it possible to escape the presence of God? (Gen 4:16, Job 1:12, Ps 139:7-12, Romans 8:35-39)
4. What is disobedience?
 - (a) Is there a difference between small and large disobedience?
 - (b) What was the result of Jonah's disobedience ?
 - (c) Why do people disobey God?

5. In what ways are the sailors religious? (V5, 8-10, 13, 14 & 16)

(a) Who do we see in our culture who exhibit similar traits?

6. In what way is Jonah religious?

(a) Have you seen or experienced anything similar?

7. How would you describe the difference between religion and relationship with God?

8. How can we as Christian "sleep spiritually" ? (Romans 13:11-14, Ephesians 5:14, Isaiah 51:17, Isaiah 60:1)

(a) What measures do you think we can take to prevent this?

9. Why do you think Jonah was able to sleep through the storm?

Personal Reflection:

1. Who or where is your Nineveh? How has this weeks study spoken to you in this situation/attitude?