

You Can Run, but You Can't Hide.

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Read Jonah 1.

1. How familiar are you with the story of Jonah? What was something new you learned, or what stood out to you in **chapter 1**?

2. God tells Jonah that He has taken notice of the wickedness of Nineveh. What kinds of wickedness in our world today seem to go “unnoticed” or “unaddressed” by God?

3. How should God’s approach to Nineveh shape our thinking about the wickedness we see today?

4. In **chapter 1**, Jonah is a pretty lousy prophet. In what ways does Jonah fail to live up to his calling? What is our calling today as followers of Jesus? (Hint: read **Matthew 28:19-20**)

5. Compare and contrast Jonah with the sailors. In what ways do the sailors appear more responsive to God than Jonah does?

6. What do you make of Jonah’s idea that he should be thrown into the sea? Do you think he is being noble, or does it show that he would rather do anything than obey God?

7. One commentator said the focus of **chapter 1** is: “*Even a reluctant prophet cannot thwart God’s will to save lost people.*” What does this chapter tell us about the heart of God? What does it tell us about ourselves as God’s representatives?

8. In what ways do you resemble Jonah? In what ways have you tried to run from God?

9. The sailors eventually come to fear the LORD. What does it mean to fear God? What evidence is there in your life that you fear Him?