

# HOME GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Sunday, August 31st, 2025

God's Gracious Pursuit — Doug Horner — Jonah 1:4-16

*Begin your study by reading Jonah 1:4-16 as a group*

## Head

*These questions help us understand who God is, who we are, what Scripture teaches, etc.*

- What stood out to you about the passage or message this week? Any further questions?
- Compare Jonah's peaceful slumber in the boat with Jesus' peaceful slumber in a boat in Mark 4:35-41. What differences do you see between Jonah and Jesus?

## Heart

*These questions help us align what we know in our minds with what we believe in our hearts.*

- God's pursuit of Jonah involved sending a storm into his life to wake him up! Has God ever done the same thing in your life – if so, how? Why does God's pursuit come to us through trials and storms (Heb. 12:7)?
- God actually used Jonah's running to bring the pagan sailors to know him. We might say that in God's great sovereignty, God used Jonah IN SPITE of Jonah. What does this tell us about God's grace? Has God ever used you IN SPITE of you?

## Hands

*These questions help us get practical with what we have learned.*

- In grace, God exposes our sin, just as he exposed Jonah in the presence of the sailors. It feels painful but it's actually the best thing He can do for us and he often does it through other people. Is God revealing any sinful tendencies, attitudes, thoughts, actions, or dispositions in your life that need to be repented of? Do you have people in your life that God could use to expose your sin? If so, who?

## Pray

*Since God speaks through His word, take time to respond through prayer.*

**Praise** – what has our passage taught us about God that we can praise/thank Him for?

**Confession** – what has our passage revealed that we need to repent of?

**Requests** – what requests can we bring to God on behalf of ourselves and each other?