

# **An Identity Crisis: Who Are You & Who's To Blame?**

## **Jonah 1:7-10**

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### **• Last Week: Sleeping Through The Storms (Jonah 1:4-6)**

#### **Who's To Blame? (1:7-8a)**

- 2x "... on whose account this evil has come upon us."
- 1. When Storms Strike We All Ask, "Who's To Blame?"
- 2. When Bad Comes We Seek To Account For It
- 3. Every Culture, Rightly or Wrongly, Seeks Who Is To Blame

#### **Who Are You? (1:8b-9)**

1. Understanding Who You Are Is Linked To Understanding What You Are Responsible For
2. Do You Know Who You Are?
3. Your Identity Matters
4. Where Is Your Identity Rooted?
  - Is It Your Work & Occupation
  - Is It Your History & Hometown
  - Is It Your Country & Culture
  - Is It Your Nationality & Ethnicity
5. Jonah is Right & Wrong About Where He Roots His Identity
  - His Ethnicity - Wrongly Rooted Identity
  - His Relationship With God - Rightly Rooted Identity
  - But When You Root Your Identity In Anything Beside Your Relationship With God, Things Go Wonky or Wildly Wrong

#### **What Is Said & What Is Done Matters (1:9-10)**

##### **1. What You Say Matters (1:9, 10b)**

- What Jonah Had Said Earlier Clarifies Who Is To Blame

##### **2. What You Do Matters (1:10)**

- What You Do In Your Relationship With God Impacts Those Around You
- It Is Scary When What We Say & What We Do Don't Line Up

##### **3. What God Says & Does Matters Most**

- We Need The One That Is Greater Than Jonah, Who Was Plunged Down Into Judgement For Us: Jesus Christ!

## **Community Group Discussion Questions:**

1. Why do we seem to want to know who to blame when things are not going well?
2. What is important about identifying “on whose account this evil has come upon us”? Do we always know? What do we do when we are unsure why something bad is happening?
3. When a person asks about who you are, what do you usually share?
4. What do you tend to root your identity in? Do you root your identity in your work or occupation? In your history or hometown? In your country and culture? In your nationality or ethnicity? In your relationship with God?
5. What do you do when you see that what you say and what you do are in conflict? How do you deal with hypocrisy when you see it in your own life?
6. How can we root our identity more in what God says and does for us? How can we find our identity in Jesus and what he has said and done for us?