

**Jonah: For The Love Of Sinners**  
**Who Is Jonah & Why It Matters Today**  
**Jonah 1:1-3**  
September 25-26, 2021

- **Last Week: A Book of Questions & One Reason We Need Jonah**

**Who Is Jonah?**

**1. His Name & His Character - (Jonah 1:1, 3)**

- His Name: Jonah the son of Amittai & The LORD's Name
- Truth, Love, & Mission:
- Why It Matters Today?

**2. His Prophetic & Political Past - (2 Kings 14:23-28)**

- 'And' — 1 — This Story Is Part of a Bigger Story
- He Sought to Strengthen His Own People & Saw God's Mercy Despite Israel's Sin
- Why It Matters Today?

**3. His Precarious Present - (Jonah 1:1-3)**

- The Word of the LORD has the First Word & the Last Word
- The Geography of Jonah - The Decent From God Always Goes Lower Than You First Planned (1:2)
- Rebellion Against God's Mission Always Costs More Than You First Pay (1:3)
- Two Kinds of God's Judgement:
  - 1. Active Wrath - Nineveh
  - 2. Passive Wrath - Jonah
- Why It Matters Today?

**4. His Uncertain Future - (Jonah 1:3)**

- 'To Tarshish' - Away from the LORD & His Mission and Toward Wealth & Ease
- How Secure are Your Future Plans? Are You Living *For* the Presence of God Or are You Trying to Run *From* the Presence of God?
- Why It Matters Today?

## **Community Group Discussion Questions:**

1. What in Jonah as an individual is praiseworthy? What can you admire?
2. Consider Jonah's character, especially through the lens of Truth, Love, and Mission. As individuals how do we get so strong in some areas and so weak in others? Why do we get so lopsided so easily?
3. God's judgement against sin is not always immediately expressed. How can we be more sensitive to what God is communicating to ourselves and to the people, to the city and to the nations around us? What kinds of warnings does God give?
4. Why do we run from God? Why did Jonah run from God? How can we learn to stop running from God and begin walking with God?