

PURSUIT

Jonah 1:1-3



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Often, we look at the books of the Bible and see them as a collection of stories about a variety of characters. As we start our look at the Book of Jonah, we ask, “What is this book about?” You might answer, “it’s the story with the guy in the belly of the fish.” Technically you would be right, but the story of Jonah is so much more. It’s the story of God’s relentless pursuit of his glory and his people.

Call to Worship

Psalm 100

Songs of Praise

*O Come to the Altar
Have Thine Own Way Lord*

Announcements and Offering

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Confession of Faith

New City Catechism #9

What does God require in the first, second, and third commandments?

A. First, that we know and trust God as the only true and living God. Second, that we avoid all idolatry and do not worship God improperly. Third, that we treat God's name with fear and reverence, honoring also his Word and works.

Reference - [Deuteronomy 6:13-14](#)

Song of Declaration

Reckless Love

Sermon - *Pursuit*

Sermon Scripture - [Jonah 1:1-3](#)

Called

- What is unique about Jonah's call?
- Who is Jonah? Why would he believe God can accomplish his purposes?
 - [2 Kings 14:25-27](#)
- What can we learn about God in his choosing of Nineveh?
 - [Nahum 3:1](#)

Rejection

- What reality do we learn in [Psalm 139:7-10](#)?
- Why does Jonah claim he flees ([Jonah 4:2](#))?
- How can our view of God lead to greater obedience?
 - [Genesis 12:2-3](#)

Pursuit

- How can we summarize the book of Jonah (and really the whole Bible)?
 - *It is the story of creation, subsequent fall, and final restoration of fallen humanity that God accomplishes through the death, resurrection, and return of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. - Allen Bradberry*

- Who is the central character of the book?
- What is God ultimately pursuing?
 - [Ephesians 1:4-6](#)

Communion

Song of Response

Just To Be With You

Benediction

1. What comes to mind when you think of the book of Jonah? What do you believe is the purpose of sharing this story in the Bible?
2. Would it be easier if God verbally called you to do something as he did with Jonah? Why or why not?
3. Read [Psalm 139:7-10](#). Have you ever tried to flee from God? Does it give you comfort that you can't?
4. Read [Genesis 12:1-3](#). How does this verse impact our view of our calling as Christian found in [Matthew 28:19-20](#) (Great Commission)?
5. How does viewing all scripture as God's story of redemption help us understand the Bible better?
6. What would you like to learn during our study of Jonah?