

SERMON CONNECT CARD (Go on the FBC app and complete the digital card at the tab CONNECT or complete a paper card)

- Between you and God, what keeps you fighting against Him?
- How can we pray for you?



Please understand we want to help you know Jesus personally and journey with you in taking fresh steps of obedience daily. We would love to pray with you and for you. Join us at the end of the service for prayer or send us your request on the Connect Card and we will lift them up throughout the week.

Table Talk

Warm Up: As a teen, when you were told to do something you didn't want to do, were you more likely to: a) obey out of fear of the consequences b) ignore the command c) make excuses for why you didn't obey d) run and hide until the coast was clear e) say "okay" but conveniently forget f) outwardly comply but inwardly rebel or g) willingly obey because you respected their authority and trusted their judgment?

1. The book of Jonah begins almost identically to many of the other prophetic books—Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah—but what follows is a stark contrast. What does the Lord call Jonah to do? What does Jonah do in response?
2. Think of a time when you responded to God's commands like Jonah, taking off in the opposite direction of the way that he called you to go. What did it take to bring you back to the path of obedience? What lessons did you learn through this experience about the benefits of following God? What did you learn about God's love for you?
3. You can always find a boat sailing in the wrong direction. In your spiritual life, which direction are you running: towards God, away from God, with God, or behind God? Share a time when you thought you could ignore or run from God? Where did you end up? What does our running from God reveal about our concept of God? We often ask God to show us his plan for our life, but then choose to reject that plan when it is difficult. How have you run from God's difficult plan this past week?
4. What did you learn from the sermon on the mercy of God?
5. What do you long for God to do in your life as a result of our sermon series through Jonah?

Closing Prayer: Thank you Father for pursuing me. Now help me take that next step toward you or next step of obedience for you. I want to love and enjoy you forever. Amen!