

JONAH

The Relentless Mercy of God

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READ

Read Jonah 1 and consider what lessons the Holy Spirit intends us to learn.

EXAMINE

- In verses 1-2, Jonah is commissioned to Nineveh, an Assyrian city far outside Israel. What is the significance of God sending a prophet outside Israel?
- Instead of obeying the Lord, Jonah flees in the opposite direction to Tarshish. Based on just the first three verses, why would you assume he fled from this call?
- Three times, we're told that Jonah "went down" (twice in v. 3, v. 5). What might the author be communicating with this repetition?
- Compare and contrast Jonah with the pagan sailors in this chapter.
- List everything in the passage that God is shown to have sovereign control over. Why is this important to understanding the narrative?
- How is the idea of substitution present in this text, and how does it help us understand the gospel?

APPLY

- Have you ever fled from God's call? What happened? What did you learn about God's character from that experience?
- It is clear in this passage that Jonah isn't trusting God? What are some of the reasons why we struggle to trust God? How can we learn to trust him more?
- How does the repentance of the pagan sailors shape our approach to sharing the gospel in our daily life?
- How does God's pursuit of both the Ninevites and the pagan sailors impact the way we treat those who we see as outsiders?

PRAY

Spend time praising God, confessing sin, and bringing requests to Him in response to this passage.

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