

## **Hurled**

**Series:** No, Lord (message 2) **Date:** October 10/11, 2020

Intro

Psalm 89:9–10

Job 41:1

**Jonah 1:1-17**

**CHRISTIANS LOOK BAD WHEN WE SAY, “NO, LORD.”**

**WE IGNORE OUR SIN AND IT HURTS OTHERS.**

**GOD WON’T LET US BE SECRET FOLLOWERS.**

**GOD LOVES TO RESCUE REBELS AT THEIR WORST.**

**IF WE DON’T HURL OUR REBELLION, WE WILL BE HURLED.**

# sermon discussion

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## OPENING DISCUSSION

As you start your group time today, take a few moments to share two or three things you are grateful for from this past week. Challenge your group members to take time every day to write down 3-5 things they are thankful for and then thank God, the giver of all good things.

## GROUP DISCUSSION

1. What, if anything, has made or would make you want to run away from God? Is it possible to run away from Him? Explain.
2. **Read Jonah 1:1-6.** What effect did God stirring the storm have on the sailors and on Jonah?
3. When has God used pain, discomfort, or difficulty to bring you back to Him or to get you moving to do what he called you to do? What have you learned about yourself, God, or your relationship with Him through those experiences?
4. **Read Jonah 1:7-17.** Even when you don't understand it, or when you flat out don't want to, why does it make sense to follow God's direction?
5. Who would be the person or people hardest for you to share God's grace and love with because, if you're honest, you don't want them to repent or be forgiven?
6. What is it about that group or person that would make you struggle? In other words, what is the underlying belief or value that your struggle reveals?
7. Think about where God is currently leading you that you don't want to go. What is the worst that could happen in this situation? What is the best that could happen? What is your next step in following where God is leading you?

## PRAYER

## GOING FURTHER

As we go through the book of Jonah, you'll find suggestions for how you can go further with the book of Jonah. Feel free to do one or several of them over the week ahead.

**Memorize Scripture:** *"The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance."* **2 Peter 3:9** *ESV*

**Read through the book Jonah in one sitting.** If you have time, do this more than once, but use a different translation of the Bible each time. Afterwards, write down what some of the major themes or repeated ideas were from the book. In addition, summarize what the book of Jonah is about in one or two sentences.

**Watch the Bible Project overview on Jonah** - <https://bibleproject.com/explore/jonah/>

**Watch/listen to this in-depth study on Jonah** - <https://www.doorofhopepdx.org/sermons/the-amazing-jonah/>