



Life Group Study Guide
July 15-16, 2017
Running From God: Part 2
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Reference:

Open in prayer and read Jonah 2-3.

Review:

What was one thing from this weekend's message that challenged, confused, or stood out to you?

Reflect:

1. For Jonah, the fish was not punishment, but deliverance - without it, he would have drowned. Talk about a time when you saw the same reversal - something you first thought was a punishment turned into your deliverance. What does that teach us about God?
2. Jonah 2:2 is a succinct picture of what it means to run back to God. Why do you think God makes Himself so accessible to those who seek to return to Him? What is it about God's character that He remains willing to take us back? (See Isaiah 30:15 & Matthew 23:37 for other examples of God's attitude toward those who run toward Him.)
3. Why do you think that Jonah's disobedience did not disqualify him from serving God? Do you ever feel like your sin has disqualified you from being God's servant?
4. In Matthew 12:38-42, Jesus confirms the miraculous repentance of Nineveh. Why do you think Jesus used Nineveh to illustrate His own glory and significance?

Respond/Reinforce:

For an Israelite like Jonah, the idea that the people of Nineveh would repent of their evil deeds seemed like impossibility. Who do you know that seems like an impossible cause? Like Jonah's attitude toward Nineveh, is there someone you think is so evil you wouldn't want them to find salvation? Take time to pray for this person or people. Ask God to give you His heart and attitude toward them.