Summer Cruise, Part 2 Jonah Pastor Cody Winkler

Main Text

Jonah 1:1-3

The word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai: "Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me." But Jonah ran away from the LORD and headed for Tarshish. He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the LORD.

Jonah and the boat.

Jonah 1:1-16

Jonah is running from God's presence and God uses a storm to get his attention. It's so obvious that something supernatural is at work, that even pagan fishermen notice. The fishermen fear for the lives, but Jonah would rather sleep (even die) than obey God.

Have you found yourself running from God? Explain more. Why is it that pagans (non-believers) sensed God's activity, but Jonah was okay ignoring it? What causes believers to become stubborn towards God?

Jonah's Response

Jonah 1:12 "Pick me up and throw me into the sea," he replied, "and it will become calm. I know that it is my fault that this great storm has come upon you."

Has your response to God (or lack of response) caused difficulty for others? What should you do in a situation when your (in)action causes others grief?

Jonah and a fish, the Ninevites, and the plant.

What was Jonah's response after encountering the fish?

Jonah was hoping for Nineveh's destruction. *Can you relate to this? How did the Holy Spirit move in you while you hoped for someone's destruction?*

When have you been angry with God?

Jonah and you. (Jonah 4:10-11)

Have you let offense have power in your life? Offense can cause disobedience toward God. Offense can callous us towards people. Offense causes misrepresentation of God's word. Offense causes us to miss God's heart. **Are you more comfortable in your offense than God's presence?**