

RIVERS CROSSING COMMUNITY CHURCH

Community Group Discussion Guide
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Jonah – Week #1

This week we jump into a small but loaded book of Jonah. It's often said, "don't tell God what you won't do, because that's what He'll ask you to do..." Think of a time when you put up boundaries around what you would or would not do and God asked you to do it anyway. Share it with the group if you have an experience like that...

DIVE IN:

Before you start the discussion, read the first chapter of Jonah together as a group for context within the conversation.

1. Jonah is pretty bold – he verbally tells people he's running from God. Have you ever gotten to a place where you're bluntly disobedient to whatever God's calling you to?
2. Have you ever tried to escape God's presence?
3. When's the last time you felt like God asked you to do something you didn't want to do?
4. As you heard God calling you to act, did you go towards it or away from it?
5. God called Jonah to minister to a people that were different than him in nearly every aspect – how do you respond when God calls you out of your comfort zone?
6. There are always opportunities to run – boats headed in the wrong direction, as Pastor Paul said. Share a time when you've hopped into the wrong boat to run away.
7. If you're in the middle of a storm, is God trying to get your attention?
8. Are you the type that blames God in the storm or seeks God in the storm?
9. Have you ever considered the idea that the very challenges you're facing are Gods way of getting your attention to turn you towards him?
10. What do you need to do to own your own decisions in obedience or disobedience to what you personally feel God's called you to do?

NOW WHAT:

1. What part of this week's message has had the greatest impact on you? What truth(s) has God taught you through the message and our group discussion?
2. What do you need to do with that truth this week to become a fully engaged follower of Jesus?