

The Rebel

The _____

1. God's Word to _____
2. God's _____ to Us
 - › Like _____ we too have a _____ to go and tell a people like _____.

The _____

1. Jonah chose _____
2. Jonah went _____

The _____

1. The Lord _____
2. The Sailors _____
3. The Prophet _____
 - › _____ to God inevitably leads to _____ of life for ourselves and others.

The _____

1. A _____
2. A _____
3. A _____

The _____

1. Stop your _____
2. This is _____
 - › It is only when we _____ from our own _____ that we find _____ in Christ.
3. Pursue _____

Group Questions

1. What are some typical reasons believers do not share the gospel with the lost regularly? Which reason(s) mostly characterizes the hesitancy you have shown in sharing the good news with unbelievers you know?
 - a. Why do you think the Lord's command to proclaim the gospel is easier to ignore than other commands in Scripture?
 - b. When have you chided a fellow believer for obvious rebellion to the word of God? How would you feel if a believing friend chided you about missing opportunities for sharing your faith with unbelievers?
2. Prior to the call to go to Nineveh, what experience had Jonah had with the Lord that should have given him the will and confidence to go to Nineveh immediately on the Lord's command? What experiences have you had in life in which the Lord has shown you His power? How might these experiences fuel greater courage to share the gospel to the most oppositional unbeliever in your life circles?
 - a. What is the significance for the sailors of Jonah's sleeping—Jonah's indifference—during the storm? What might be the significance of a casual attitude toward telling a non-Christian relative about the love of God in Christ?
 - b. What is one immediate decision you can make that will help you be better prepared to share the gospel when the next opportunity for sharing arises?
3. In the New Testament, what are some examples of God responding fiercely to the disobedience of His children? Theologically speaking, how then should one think about God's characteristics of love, mercy, grace, and patience
4. What are some things that occur in childhood that, wrongly, lead us to believe that we must become the masters of our own destinies or that we must save ourselves?
 - a. What are some early experiences—familial, social, educational, religious—that have shaped your ambitions and drives, and how do they affect your walk with Christ?
5. When Jonah reveals that he worships the Lord, how is he being both sincere and hypocritical? In terms of what Christians believe and practice concerning the Great Commission, how might it be possible for a believer or a congregation to be both sincere and hypocritical in following the Lord?
 - a. How does this episode demonstrate that being tolerant of other's religious beliefs does not mean that believers must accept religiously plural roads to salvation?
 - b. What acts in the story demonstrate a process of real conversion on the part of the sailors? Is it unreasonable for churches to expect believers to demonstrate evidence of conversion? Do you think the sailors' experience agrees with what the New Testament teaches about conversion?
6. What are some ways in which Jonah's account resembles the account of Christ? What might the resemblance say about the plan of God for all mankind? What might the resemblance say about the character of Scripture?