



SUNDAY+

# FLEEING FROM THE PRESENCE

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JONAH 1:1-3

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### RPOC Run/Walk - September 13th

- Come support the Relevant Pregnancy Options Center at their 5k run/ 2k walk fundraiser! Register on the "Events" section of the Mosaic FB Page...make sure you choose "Team Mosaic"!

## RELATIONAL CONNECT & CHECK-IN

- What's the farthest distance you've ever traveled - intentionally or unintentionally?
- Have you ever had a plan that "backfired" but actually turned out better than expected?

## GROUP DISCUSSION

**Read Jonah 1** as a group and share any immediate things that stick out to you.

1. After being introduced to Jonah this week, how do you hope to grow or change through this series?
2. Why do you think Jonah ran? What were his heart-level reasons? Can you relate to Jonah? Have you ever experienced the same? Have you run from God?
3. Jonah "went down" to Tarshish...He ran from God. What does running from God tend to look like in our culture?
4. **Read Acts 9:1-19.** Compare Jonah running from God to Ananias obeying God. Where have you seen God trustworthy and faithful as you look back over your life?
5. The sermon named three distorted views of God: **Personal Attendant, Superstar Coach, Self-Help Guru.** Which one of these ways do you tend to view God? *(If we're honest, we all have a history of view God incorrectly. Use this time to be transparent and honest. We all have a story...encourage each other!)*
6. Matt compared much of the Christian walk to Tuesdays. There's nothing extra-exciting about a Tuesday. What are your thoughts about this? What are some ways we can stay faithfully obedient to God even when He may not be experiencing a huge, spiritual high? Are there blessings to be found in Tuesdays?
7. **Read Philippians 1:6.** Where do you need patience as God completes His work in you? What encouragement do you find in this? Be specific.
8. **Read Luke 15:17-24.** What lessons are there to be learned from the son? What does the Father's response teach us about returning? How does that reshape your view of repentance? (Psalm 145:8 - "The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love"!)

## ACTION STEP

Identify your "Tarshish." Share it with one trusted person. Choose one concrete step toward obedience this week. What might turning around look like?

**Lastly:** How can we pray as a group for you? Be honest...