

Title: Jonah 1 Running Man. Man Overboard

Welcome

Host to welcome people, especially new members.

Worship

Lead a time of worship. Ps 93 may be helpful. Ask people to give thanks for anything they have received from or experienced of God over the past week. If you have musical gifts singing could be an option.

Word

Read Jonah 1v1-17

Read Nahum 2v12-13, 3v1 3v4 3v16 3v19.

1. What kind of wickedness prompted God's anger and Jonah's call?
2. How do you think Jonah felt at God's instruction?
3. Why does Jonah flee from God? c.f. Jonah 4 v2
4. Are there people, or types of people we would find it hard to see God forgive?
5. Have there been times in our lives when we have wanted to run from our responsibilities or the call of God?
6. When does legitimate relaxation slip into damaging escapism or fantasy?
7. Why do you think Jonah confesses his guilt to the ship's crew in the storm?
8. What good came from the storm sent by God and Jonah's confession?
9. What does this chapter have to show about our reactions to the storm of life?
10. How can we tell if life's difficulties are to be rebuked & resisted, overcome with faithful victory, or accepted with good grace?
11. What does the provision of the fish show us about the character of God?

Witness

Pray & ask the Holy Spirit to show you how study might affect your everyday lives and pray into this.

Pray for the needs of the group.

Pray for wider needs

To prepare for next Group (please do this before people leave)

Person to host the group (Welcome section, Witness section).....

Person to lead short time of Worship

Person to lead study (Word section)

People to be invited to next group & who to do that

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Informal conversation etc.