

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

Jonah 1:1-16

Ice Breaker: What is an evidence of God's grace you've seen in your life this week?

Ice Breaker: What are you most looking forward to learning about in the Jonah series?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. We know very little about Jonah's background from the introduction to this book. Read 2 Kings 14:23-27. What do we learn about Jonah in this short section?
2. How should we understand Jonah's fleeing "from the presence of the Lord"? How do we experience "the presence of the Lord" today, and what does it look like to flee from it?
3. What are some commands from the Lord that we flee from today? Why is evangelism an easy command to ignore? Is there anyone in your life the Lord is calling you to share the good news of Jesus?
4. What is the significance for the sailors when they find Jonah sleeping (showing an indifference to their plight)? How does this contrast with Jesus sleeping in the boat during the storm that we read in the gospels?
5. How does God show His sovereign control in this passage? Should we expect God to work through casting lots today? Why or why not? How does God reveal His sovereign will to us today?
6. What is ironic about Jonah revealing to a ship full of pagans he fears the Lord? How does the sailor's attitude towards God and their situation change over this narrative?
7. What do you think is the main point of this passage? How do you think the Lord desires you to apply it to your life today?