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Jonah 1 – Sins, Storms and Sovereign Grace

Small Group Questions

Pray for God's help as you turn to look at His word, to understand and respond rightly to what you'll see.

Read through the passage and then discuss these questions together.

1. Looking at vv1-2, what do we learn there about God and what do we learn about Jonah?
2. Jonah disobeyed the Lord and fled from him because his way "seemed very wrong" (4:1). When was the last time you came across God saying or instructing something in the Bible you didn't like or agree with? What options do we have in that situation?
3. What consequences flow from Jonah's rejection of the Lord's instruction, for him and for others?
4. Are there times in your life where you're aware of your sins having led to storms for you and others? What have such occasions taught you?
5. How do we see the sovereignty of God in this chapter?
6. How do we see the grace (undeserved kindness) of God in this chapter?
7. We all experience 'highs' and 'lows' in life, but it's safe to say 1:17 must have represented a pretty significant 'low' in Jonah's! Remind yourselves of the great promise of Romans 8:28. How is God being *sovereign* and far more *gracious* than we are a source of comfort and confidence to us in the 'lows' of life?
8. Whose fault was this storm (v12)? How is this storm stilled (v15)? How is this different and similar to the ministry of Jesus to us? (Note: In Matthew 12:41 / Luke 11:32 Jesus describes himself as a type of Jonah, but 'greater'.)

Respond to God's word in prayer

Share any answers to prayer you've seen since you last met

Take some time to pray for each other