

Message Summary

We often want to hear from God and know His will, but sometimes we don't want to do what He says. Obedience to God isn't always easy, but disobedience always has consequences.

Key Scripture

But Jonah ran away from the LORD and headed for Tarshish. He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the LORD. Jonah 1:3 NIV

Additional Scriptures

- Jonah 1:1-2 NIV
- Jonah 1:4-5 NIV
- Jonah 1:8-9 NIV
- Jonah 1:11-12 NIV
- Jonah 1:15-16 NIV

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Start Talking

Find a conversation starter for your group.

- Think of a time when you needed directions but tried to go without. How did that experience go?

Start Thinking

Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- In what ways are your plans and God's plans often different?
- Read **Jonah 1:3**. Why do you think Jonah chose to run from God? What are some reasons you might run from God?

Start Sharing

Choose a question to create openness.

- Pastor Craig said, "If you want to run from God, the devil will always offer you a ride." What do you think about that? Has there been a time in your life when this has been true?
- Where in your life are you rationalizing sin and running from God? What is God calling you to do about it?

Start Praying

Father, thank You for Your grace toward us and always giving us a second chance. Please show us what You want us to do and give us the courage and boldness to do it. In Jesus' name, amen.

Start Doing

- Find one way to stop rationalizing sin and running from God. Be ready to talk about it with your LifeGroup next week.
- Start the Bible Plan *Everyone Gets a Second Chance: Wisdom From the Story of Jonah* using Plans With Friends: www.go2.lc/jonah
- Consider how you could love others by serving on the weekend or with a Local Mission Partner.