



Portland Central Nazarene Church - Family Discussion Guide – April 18th, 2021

Jonah – The Storm

Jonah 1:1-4

Sermon Summary

Jonah was a prophet of God who was called to a wicked people to proclaim God's judgment. But, instead of heading the call and being obedient he rebels and runs the opposite direction. Perhaps he was thinking he would just get out of dodge and go live a different life somewhere else. Ever wonder why he would rebel like that? Why run from doing the very thing God had called him to do?

In Jonah chapter 4 he says why he rebelled – because he knew God would be loving and compassionate. He had a feeling God would forgive and redeem them. So, instead of giving them the chance to change he decided he would just run away. No way was he going to give such an evil people a chance to come to God. He would rather die than see them change!

The amazing thing – despite the rebellious heart and attitude – God still pursued him. The storm was one of mercy. God cared about him too much to leave him in his rebellion. Know today, that even in your rebellion God, in His mercy, is pursuing you and ready to redeem you too.

Sermon Discussion

We are going to use the word PRAY as a guide to discussing what we heard in the sermon today.

- PRAISE** What did you learn about God today? Did you hear anything encouraging? Take a minute to praise God for who He is and how He encourages you.
- REPENT** Did you feel convicted about any sin? Did God use the sermon to reveal something in your life that needs to change? Confess those things together and pray for God to change us.
- ASK** What is one thing you feel like you need to ask God for based on what you heard in the sermon? Do you need guidance or strength? Do you need to see more clearly? Take time to ask God for that thing.
- YES!** What will you say yes to? How will you live out the things you have learned?

Bible Reading – Jonah 1

Discuss the following questions after you read the Bible story together.

- What did you like the most about the story? Any surprises?
- What questions do you have? What do you not understand?
- Are there any commands in this story we should follow?
- Are there any promises in this story we should remember?
- How will this story help you live for Jesus?

Memory Verse – Memorize this as a family or read it together every day this week.

Luke 6:46 - "Why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?"