

July 3, 2016  
Jonah 1:1-3

## RUNNING FROM GOD

### I. Introduction:

“Finding Dory”  
“Finding Nemo” - A father’s love for his lost son

### II. Our Study In The Book of Jonah:

In Jonah, we see God’s heart for the \_\_\_\_\_

We will also See Jonah as a book of second \_\_\_\_\_

### III. Unpacking The Passage:

A. God \_\_\_\_\_ Inviting Us to Join Him in His  
Work

“Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of  
Amittai (a-mi’t-tai),” Jonah 1:1

2 Imperatives:

“**Go** to the great city of Nineveh and **preach** against it,  
because its wickedness has come up before me.”  
Jonah 1:2

“Now, Nineveh was a very important city, **a visit  
required three days.**” Jonah 3:3

B. Going Away From God Is Always Going In The  
\_\_\_\_\_ Direction.

“But Jonah ran away from the LORD and headed for Tarshish. Jonah 1:3

You cannot Flee From An Omnipresent God:

“Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? (8) If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. (9) If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, (10) Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me.” Psalm 139:7-10

C. When Running From God, \_\_\_\_\_ Is Away  
Happy To Provide the Transportation.

“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

#### **IV. Conclusion and Application:**

**POINTS TO PONDER**  
**Week of July 3<sup>rd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**Running From God**  
**Jonah 1:1-2:10**

**Open It**

1. What is your idea of the perfect "get away from all your troubles" location?
2. What good or bad thoughts do you associate with fish?
3. \*When have you been rescued from a difficult situation?

**Explore It**

4. What did God tell Jonah to do? ([1:1-2](#))
5. \*How did Jonah respond to God? ([1:3](#))
6. What happened at sea? ([1:4-5](#))
7. What was Jonah's condition as the storm raged? ([1:5-6](#))
8. What did the sailors do? ([1:7](#))
9. How did Jonah respond to the sailors' barrage of questions? ([1:8-9](#))
10. What made the men terrified? ([1:10](#))
11. How did the sailors appeal to Jonah? ([1:11](#))
12. Why did Jonah tell the sailors to throw him into the sea? ([1:12](#))
13. What happened following Jonah's penitent admission? ([1:13-16](#))

14. What miraculous provision did God make for Jonah? ([1:17](#))
15. \*Once inside the fish, how did Jonah respond to God's rescue? ([2:1-9](#))
16. What was Jonah's attitude toward God? ([2:7-9](#))
17. \*How did God finally deliver Jonah? ([2:10](#))

### **Get It**

18. When have you not wanted to obey God?
19. When has God called you to serve Him in ways that were unattractive or unpleasant to you?
20. What rebellious attitudes have you ever had toward the Lord?
21. What opportunities do you have to tell others about faith in Christ?
22. What are your feelings toward the unbelievers around you?
23. \*How has God pursued you when you have tried to avoid Him?
24. \*When have bad circumstances turned out for your good?
25. How do you feel when you know that you are being obedient to the Lord's call?

### **Apply It**

26. What can you do to respond with obedience to God the next time you must do something good but unpleasant?
27. How can you share the gospel with others at work? among your family? among your neighbors?
28. \*How do you want to thank the Lord right now for all the remarkable ways He has delivered you?