

God Is In Control



MEMORY VERSE: "The Lord is close to all who call on Him in truth... He hears their cries for help and rescues them."
Psalm 145:18-19

Nineveh was the capital city of the nation of Assyria, a longtime enemy of Israel. The Assyrians tortured and killed the people they defeated. Jonah grew up hating and fearing the Assyrians.

DAY 1 JONAH 1:1-3 — Jonah Called by the Lord

1. What did God tell Jonah to do? Why?
2. How did Jonah respond to God's command?
3. What are the various ways God speaks to us today?
4. Is it possible to run from God? What are ways you are running from God?

DAY 2 JONAH 1:4-6 — God Brings a Violent Storm

5. What did God do? How did the sailors respond? vv. 4-5

6. What did the captain say to Jonah? vv. 5b-6

7. What do you think Jonah thought now?

8. Why is it hard to pray when we are living in blatant disobedience to God?

DAY 3 JONAH 1:8-9 — Crew Confronts Jonah

9. What do the sailors do? Who did the lots fall on? v. 7

10. How did Jonah answer the sailors' questions?

11. What does this tell you about Jonah and his relationship with God?

DAY 4 JONAH 1:10-16 —

12. What did Jonah tell the crew to do? Why do you think this is the answer Jonah gave?

13. What do the sailors do instead? What happened? v. 13

14. To whom do the sailors pray? What do they pray? v. 14

15. How did the sailors respond to God stopping the storm? vv. 15-16

16. What do you learn about God from these verses? What do you learn about the sailors?

DAY 5 JONAH 1:1-16 — Wrap Up

17. What do you think the important lessons are in chapter 1?
God will call you to do hard things. How will you answer?

18. How do you see yourself in Jonah?

TAKE AWAY

This week, look for how God is in control of everything- life, nature, and circumstances.
Share your thoughts with your group next week.

BLESSING

God had big plans for Jonah. God has big plans for YOU!

God wanted to send Jonah to Nineveh, but Jonah ran from God.

Jonah knew that we cannot run from God's presence. He is everywhere. Running from God was Jonah's way of telling God he didn't want to obey Him.

So God sends a storm.

Even when all the sailors pray to their false gods, and even when the captain pleads with Jonah to pray to his, we do not see him doing so.

When we are living in blatant disobedience to God, and we know it, one of the hardest things to do is pray.

When you are having trouble praying, ask God to reveal any sin in your life, ask Him to search your heart, so that you can confess it and repent of it, and get back into right fellowship with Him.