

Responding to God's Call

Jonah 1

Discussion Questions

- 1) What do you know about the book of Jonah?
- 2) Read 2 Kings 14:25. Who was Jonah? When did he live? What was happening in Israel during his lifetime? Do you know when Jonah might have been written?
- 3) Read Matthew 12:39-41. Jonah is seen by some people as a parable. Why should we trust in the historicity of Jonah?
- 4) Read Nahum 3:1 and Jonah 3:3. What do we know about the city of Nineveh?
- 5) Read Jonah 4:2. Why do you think Jonah disobeyed what God asked him to do?
- 6) Read Mark 4:35-41. What parallels do you see between Jonah and the storm and Jesus and His disciples in the storm?
- 7) Read Jonah 1:12. In what ways is Jonah seen as a type of Christ, a foreshadow of what Jesus would do on Earth? What are the differences?
- 8) Read Jonah 1:15-16. What do these verses tell us about the fruit of self-sacrificial acts of service?
- 9) A recurrent theme throughout the book of Jonah is that God is a compassionate God. What is a definition of compassion? Can you think of any parts of the gospels where Jesus' compassion is evident?
- 10) God has a call on your life. What is it? Can you articulate it? If you know what it is, then how are you responding to it? If you are unsure, then how might seek to find it out? Spend some time in prayer about this Question.