

## A Study of Jonah – Week 2

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**Week 2: God’s love, grace, and plans involve all people.**

**Day 1- Overview - Read Jonah 1:9-17**

1. In what ways do you see God pursuing Jonah?
2. In what way do you see God’s love being expressed towards everyone in these verses?
3. How do you see the crew’s love for Jonah in these verses?
4. In what way does Jonah demonstrate his love for the crew?

**Application:** What actions might you take today to express your love towards others?

**Day 2 – God uses the crew and nature to confront Jonah’s disobedience. Read 1:9-10**

1. Do you think the men were terrified of the storm, from what Jonah just said in 1:9, or both? Explain.
2. List some places in Scripture where you see God miraculously using nature (see Gen 6; Ex. 7-14; 2 Kings 20:9-11; John 6:19; Matt. 14:19-21; Matt. 27:43-46).
3. Do you believe God uses nature and people today to get our attention? Explain.
4. How do you see the crew’s view of Jonah’s God changing?
5. How has your view of God been affected by these verses?

**Application:** What will you do to demonstrate your trust in the Lord today, to both yourself and to Him?

**Day 3 – Another question for Jonah followed by more disobedience. - Read 1:11-12**

1. The condition of the sea continues to degrade so the crew approaches Jonah again. What do you learn about the crew’s thinking by the question they ask Jonah? What is their concern: Jonah or themselves, or both? Explain
2. Jonah’s response consists of three parts: 1) \_\_\_\_\_ – what to do with him; 2) \_\_\_\_\_ - the sea will become calm; and 3) \_\_\_\_\_ - it is my fault. Match these words to the appropriate part: confession; action; promise.
3. God has promised to discipline and chasten His wayward children (see Prov. 3:11-12; Heb. 12:5-6). How do you see Jonah’s experience being a prime example of that?
4. Jonah confessed that he was the reason for the crew’s peril. Confession can be of various types. Identify the various types of confession exhibited in these verses: John 1:19-20, 12:42; Romans 10:9-10, 14:11; Hebrews 3:1, 13:15; James 5:16; and 1 John 1:9.
5. How do you see Jonah as being a type of Christ (see John 10:15; John 11:48-53)?

**Application:** They say “confession is good for the soul.” Is there something you need to confess today? How and when will you do that?

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### Day 4 – Hesitant and yet obedient. – Read 1:13-15

1. These sailors did not want to throw Jonah overboard so they futilely tried to row back to land. What have you learned about going against God's plan (see Prov. 21:30; Isa 8:10; Acts 5:39)?
2. How would you compare the sailors concern for Jonah and Jonah's concern for the many people of Nineveh?
3. What are the two requests the men make to the Lord and what is their realization as to the Lord's authority (see Psalms 115:3)?
4. What did the sea do after they threw Jonah overboard? This isn't the only time such a thing has happened, see Psalm 107:29 and Luke 8:24. What do you learn about God and His authority?
5. How do you see the sailors changing their view of the Lord in these verses?

**Application:** When your next storm comes, how will this text of Jonah help you know that God is in the storm with you?

### Day 5 – God's grace is for all people. – Read 1:16-17

1. Now we see the complete conversion of the crew of that ship. What did they do to demonstrate their faith in the Lord?
2. What does verse 16 mean when it says the crew greatly feared the Lord (see Mark 4:35-41)? What do these verses say about fear: Psalm 2:11, 19:9, 25:14; Prov. 1:7, 3:7, 8:13, 9:10, 10:27.
3. How do you see God's grace towards the crew and Jonah?
4. What are your thoughts about Verse 17? How do you think Jesus viewed the book of Jonah (see Matthew 12:40, 16:4 and Luke 11:30)?
5. Many people have problems with "the great fish," but could it be because their view of God is too limited? Explain.

**Application:** How will you prevent your view of God from becoming too limited?