

***“The Runaway Prophet”***  
Jonah 1:1-2:1  
Series: *Jonah*  
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**YOU CANNOT ESCAPE THE MERCY OF GOD**

**1) ESCAPE FROM GOD (1:1-4a)**

**2) RELENTLESS PURSUIT OF GOD (1:4b-2:1)**

**READ AHEAD FOR NEXT WEEK: Jonah 2**

**ABF/Small Group Guide**

ICEBREAKER: Which of these was your favorite game as a child: Hide and Seek, Kick the Can, Red Rover, or Simon Says? Why? How do these games compare to Jonah’s actions in the book of Jonah?

READ: Jonah 1

- 1) What two things did God call Jonah to do?
- 2) What are possible responses the Ninevites might have to Jonah’s call?
- 3) Speculate what possible motives could have driven Jonah to run from his call?
- 4) What is significant about where the storm came from?
- 5) How is it possible that Jonah could sleep so soundly in the hold of the ship?
- 6) How might modern Christians be “asleep” to the cries of the crisis of the lost around us?
- 7) What do the sailors understand about the nature and way to quiet the storm?
- 8) How does Jonah respond to the questions from the sailors?
- 9) Track the sailors’ attitudes towards Jonah and the Lord through the course of the passage?
- 10) What is significant about where the fish came from?
- 11) How can we as Christians run away from God’s purposes for us?
- 12) How does this passage inform us about God’s pursuit of us?
- 13) How are you living out God’s call on your life now?
- 14) How can we pray for you this week?