

How is the church today like Jonah, asleep in the middle of a storm? How can our church not be like this?

How can the church wake up collectively? How can Christians wake up individually? Which comes first?

Personal Reflection

How do these first few passages in Jonah resonate with you and your call, as a Christian, to go into a hostile world and share the hope of Jesus?

In what ways have you been successful? In what ways has it been a challenge?

How can you pray for friends or family members who might fear being overtaken by life's story? How can you share the hope of Jesus with them?

In what ways do you need to wake up as a Christian?

Gospel Points in Jonah 1:1-6

- God has a plan for the unsaved. (1:1)
- God hates sin. (1:2)
- God is powerful. (1:4)



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Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before me." But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish. So he paid the fare and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the LORD.

But the LORD hurled a great wind upon the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship threatened to break up. Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried out to his god. And they hurled the cargo that was in the ship into the sea to lighten it for them. But Jonah had gone down into the inner part of the ship and had lain down and was fast asleep. So the captain came and said to him, "What do you mean, you sleeper? Arise, call out to your god! Perhaps the god will give a thought to us, that we may not perish." (Jonah 1:1-6, ESV.)

Rebellion & Hatred

Jonah is sent to the _____.

God has always been _____ all groups of _____.

Jonah is sent to the _____.

Jonah's rebellion is an expression of _____ toward God.

The Church's Message

The church has a _____ like the one given to Jonah.

Getting Jonah's Attention

God is _____ and _____.

Resources for Further Study

Timothy Keller. *Rediscovering Jonah*.

Justin Dean. *The Gospel According to Jonah: Running from Grace*.

Stephen Witmer. *Jonah: The Depths of Grace*.

Eric C. Redmond. *Christ-Centered Exposition: Exalting Jesus in Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk*.

Midweek Discussion Questions

Join us Wednesday 6:00 pm

How do you see the world ignoring the Bible? Are these things true of our community? How so?

Read Jonah 1:1-3.

What is commanded?

Who do American Christians consider enemies? Why do American Christians think of these groups as enemies?

What was Jonah's response in verse 3? Why was this his response? Do you sympathize with Jonah? Why/why not?

Read Jonah 1:4-6.

What truths do you see about God in verse 4? How can these truths comfort us? How might they cause us to fear?

How is the mariners' response in verse 5 similar to the Non-Christian world today? How is it different?

How could Jonah have slept through the storm the experienced sailors were so afraid of?