

# Running from God

Week 1

BRBC Groups

June 4, 2023

## Scripture

Jonah 1

## Ice Breaker

1. What is your favourite book or movie? Why is it your favourite? How would you convince someone who has not seen or read it to do so?

## Going Deeper

1. Is there anything that stood out to you from Sunday's message, or do you have any questions?
2. Have you heard the story of Jonah before? How would you explain it to someone who does not know it? What would you emphasize?
3. Read Jonah 1
4. What do you find most surprising about this story so far?
5. What seems both fitting and surprising about God's command? What about Jonah running away?
6. Why do you think Jonah disobeyed? (try to recall the context from this weeks message) What would you have done in the same situation?
7. Have you ever found yourself resisting or running away from something you felt God was calling you to do? What was the result of your actions?
8. Jonah admits to the sailors that he is running away from God. Why do you think he chose to confess this to them? How do you think his confession impacted the sailors' perception of God?
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12. What does this chapter reveal to you about God's character?
13. Jonah suggests that the sailors throw him into the sea to calm the storm. Why do you think Jonah was willing to sacrifice his own life rather than go to Nineveh? What does this reveal about his mindset at the time?
14. Right now in your life, would you say you are more like Jonah (running from God as fast as you can) in this first chapter or the sailors (turning to God in the midst of a storm)? Why?

