

GENESIS

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Jonah... the call

(part II of the 'Jonah' series – 5/27/12)

Big Idea...

In Jonah chapter 1, we learn that God has a mission for you that only you can fulfill – in other words, God wants to use you to accomplish His perfect will in a fallen and rebellious world. We learn that despite our best efforts to evade God's perfect plan for us, in love, He will pursue us so that we do not miss all that He has for us. Finally, we learn that God is sovereign over all things, in all times, in all places – namely the salvation of our souls. As our testimony of 'This is our God' increases, so will our ability to worship, obey and love Him.

Discussion Questions...

1. How is your testimony of God, namely who you say He is, impacting and/or influencing your relationship with God? What are some practical ways in which your testimony of God might increase in the coming weeks.
2. What has God called you to do – in other words, what is the mission that He has entrusted to you that only you can accomplish because God wants to use you to do it? As Christians, we are **ALL** called to '[make disciples](#)', but God has uniquely wired you and positioned you in order to accomplish His perfect will where you are (or where He's sending you) – so how does God want to use you to impact & influence those around you? What are some practical steps you might take towards being used by God to accomplish the work of God where you are?
3. Why is being obedient to what God wants to do with us and through us so difficult? Why is our natural tendency like Jonah to 'run' from what God has for us? It may be our tendency to 'run', but it is God's character to 'pursue.' Take some time to share with your Community Group a time where you've experienced God's affectionate pursuit during a season where you were running from Him.
4. As we saw in Jonah 1, God is sovereign over all things. It was God who sent the storm – it was God who calmed the storm – and it was God who caused a great fish to rescue Jonah. If God is sovereign (in complete control), then why is it so difficult to trust and obey Him? Practically speaking, what would it look like to live life submitted to the sovereignty of God?

Announcements...

- **Testimonies** – on [Sunday, June 24th](#) during the GENESIS Worship gatherings, you will have the opportunity to share your testimony of 'This is our God.' Be praying as to what God would have you share at this gathering. It will be a powerful time of celebrating together as a community who God is an what He is doing in our lives and the life of our community. Any questions, please contact the Elders at elders@genesisthejourney.com.
- **SERVE** – a great way to connect w/others within the GENESIS Community is through serving. There are many opportunities to serve within GENESIS, whether that be through worship, the creative team, GENESIS Kids or GENESIS Youth, Community Outreach, Connections or the Facilities Team. As GENESIS continues to grow, so do the needs within the community. Learn more about serving via the GENESIS Website (www.genesisthejourney.com/serve), or contact our lead deacon Jon Bandi at Jon.Bandi@genesisthejourney.com.
- **the Well** – join others from the GENESIS Community on **Friday, June 8th** for a powerful time of worship & prayer. The Well begins at 8PM and ends by 9:30PM – plan on going out afterwards to grab a late night snack.

sunday worship gathering at 9am & 11AM www.genesisthejourney.com