

# LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

WEEK OF OCTOBER 9, 2016

**CURRENT SERIES: JONAH RUNNING FROM GOD**  
**JONAH 1:4-16**

**Big Idea: Disobeying the Word of God results in Discipline from the hand of God.**

Christians may be more prone to sins of omission than those of commission. What are some common commands Christians tend to omit? We all have had moments where we disobeyed the Word of God. The amazing thing about God is that He disciplines those He loves even when they disobey, so that they may ultimately share in His character (Heb. 12:6,11).

## **1. Disobedience calluses my heart for God. (v 4-6)**

In verse 4, the Lord “hurled a great wind upon the sea” as a result of Jonah’s disobedience.

Where are you beginning to sense a growing lack of conviction in regard to commands that God has clearly communicated in His Word? How have you seen God discipline you in the past? Jonah became desensitized to God’s clear instructions to him. Where are you disobeying God in ways that you may consider that it’s “no big deal”?

## **2. Disobedience cultivates a divide between my profession and practice. (v7-10)**

What profession did Jonah make in verse 9? But he clearly was not acting out that profession. What are some commands that Christians tend to speak with their lips, but act differently with their lives? What is it that makes us profess something that we clearly deny in the reality of our own practice? What are some

areas in your life that your practice does not line up with Scripture? Even though the men on the boat suffered, what took place in verse 16? What does this say about God even when He sends trials and suffering?

## **3. Disobedience causes suffering for the people around me. (v11-16)**

What are some ways in which the men on the boat suffered due to Jonah’s disobedience? What are some ways in which your disobedience has caused others around you to suffer?

## **Mutual Ministry:**

What is the greatest sin in your life right now that is causing you to deliberately disobey God? Have you become callous in your heart in any way? How are you dealing with this sin in order to stop running from God? Take these thoughts with you into mutual ministry. Confess where you need to grow and pray for one another.