



Jonah 1:4-17 | Jonah Week 3 | 8.26.2014

1. Read Jonah 1:1-10
2. We see in verse 8 that the sailors ask Jonah what his occupation is because they see a job as a person's identity. Have you ever been guilty of defining yourself by your job (or lack thereof)? What's the danger in doing so?
3. In verses 9-10 we read that Jonah doesn't respond to the sailors' question regarding his occupation because Jonah isn't just fleeing God's mission, but he's also fleeing from himself. Why would someone run from who they truly are?
4. Have you ever discovered that rather than trying to be who you are, you are running from who you don't want to be?
5. Read Mark 4:35-41. How does the way Jonah was sleeping during a storm compare with the way Jesus was sleeping during a storm?
6. So how are you sleeping at night? Why?
7. Have you ever felt or do you currently feel that if you only had more faith or stronger faith, then your life would be easier or better? What's the problem with this way of thinking?
8. In vs. 13 we can see that the sailors bargained with God. Have you ever said something like, "I will do anything **if** . . ." What's your "if"? What's wrong with having an "if"?
9. Verse 17 tells us that Jonah was in the belly of a fish for three days and three nights. Do you have a hard time believing this narrative? How does it change the way you face the struggles of life to know you serve a God who performs miracles?
10. Pray for each other.