

**Week 2 – Jonah 1:1-16**

***Jonah Disobedient Prophet to the Nations***



Key Verse:

Title:

**Five Point Summary:**

1. What is God Doing?
2. How is Jonah responding?
3. How are the other characters responding?
4. What do we learn about the character of the people in the story?
5. What do we learn about the character of God in the story?

**1. In scripture God's word is powerful, creative and to be obeyed (See: Genesis 1:3; 12:1, 4; Hosea 3:1-2; Deuteronomy 12:28) When the divine command comes to Jonah in 1:1, what should we expect to happen?**

**2. The prophets are usually called to Israel. Read Genesis 12:1-3. Why do you think God would send a prophet to the nations?**

**3. Read Genesis 18:20 and 19:24. In Jonah 1:1 the Lord says of Nineveh, "their wickedness has come up before me". What do you suppose the Lord has in store for Nineveh?**

**4. How do you think Israel would have perceived Nineveh and the other nations around her?**

**5. In 1:3, why might Jonah think he could flee from "the presence of the Lord"? What does this say about Jonah's idea of God?**

**6. In chapter 1, the Lord brings a crisis at sea. Both the sailors and Jonah attribute this to the anger of a god. Do you think this should affect how we perceive natural disasters?**

**7. Write down and compare Jonah's and the sailors' responses to the crisis at sea (1:4-15). What do you think God's word is teaching us here about Jonah and about these pagans?**

**8. In 1:9 Jonah says, "I am a Hebrew ... I worship the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land." How is this ironic (re-read 1:3-4)?**

**9. How would you interpret the actions of the sailors in 1:16? What might this teach us about the non-Christians around us?**

**10. Summarize how you think chapter 1 depicts Jonah's attitude toward God and the nations.**

**11. Summarize how you think chapter 1 depicts the sailors' openness to God and attitude toward Jonah?**