



## Small Group Discussion Notes

### Chaos

#### Jonah 1

#### The Book of Jonah · Week 2

April 28th, 2024

## Warm Up

Do you like being on the water, in a boat, kayak, cruise ship, etc. Why or why not??

Do you like being in the water, swimming, snorkeling or diving? Why or why not??

## Digging Deeper

How do you define sin?

Do you like the definitions that have been shared on Sunday morning?

NO NAMES or references to individuals. BUT when you have been in sin or you know somebody has been living in sin what were some of the chaos things that you saw happening?

Why do you think sin has such a negative effect on us as individuals?

Why do you think sin has such a negative effect on those people who are around the person in sin?

**Read Jonah 1:4-17** What part of chapter 1 stands out to you most?? Why??

What part of this Jonah account shows you the power sin can have on us as people? For the people around us?

How do we allow the denial of sin to deceive us?? When we are deceiving ourselves what words and thoughts go through our brain?

### **Read 1 John 1:8-10**

<sup>8</sup>If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

What does Verse 8 say about all of us??

How does the DENIAL about being sinners deceive us?? When we are (in this denial) deceiving ourselves what words and thoughts go through our brain?

What does it mean to confess sin? What does this look like for you? What are action steps to take when we have sinned?

Why does claiming "we have not sinned" in verse 10 make Jesus out to be a liar?

### **Read James 1:13-15**

<sup>13</sup>When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; <sup>14</sup>but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. <sup>15</sup>Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

What is James trying to show us in the passage?

How would a person know when they are being tempted?

What would be some signs?

What could be some of the thought processes?

## **Final Thoughts**

What are steps we need to take when we know we are living in sin?

How is having people around us, to hold us accountable, part of the steps needed to be taken?

What is something we can be doing if we know a friend is living in sin?

How would you want someone to confront you if they knew you were living in sin??