



*Today's Topic: A Life-Changing Mission*

*Jonah 1:1-17*

*Sunday, August 8, 2021*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **Messengers**

*"The word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai: 'Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its \_\_\_\_\_ has come up before me.' But Jonah ran away from the LORD and headed for Tarshish. He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the LORD." Jonah 1:1-3; compare Luke 11:30*

2. \_\_\_\_\_ **Travelers**

*"All the sailors were afraid and each cried out to his own \_\_\_\_\_. And they threw the cargo into the sea to lighten the ship. But Jonah had gone below deck, where he lay down and fell into a deep sleep. The captain went to him and said, "How can you sleep? Get up and call on your god! Maybe he will take notice of us so that we will not perish." Jonah 1:5-6*

3. \_\_\_\_\_ **Travelers**

*"At this the men greatly feared the LORD, and they offered a \_\_\_\_\_ to the LORD and made vows to him." Jonah 1:16*

4. \_\_\_\_\_ **Messengers**

*"Now the LORD \_\_\_\_\_ a huge fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights. From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the LORD his God." Jonah 1:17-2:1; compare Matthew 12:40, 16:14*

## **The Point:**

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*Next Steps: Pray for One*

### ***Discussion Questions:***

1. What is the most difficult thing you have ever been asked to do? Why was it so difficult?
2. Read Jonah 1:1-3 Why was Jonah unwilling to go to Nineveh?
3. Read Jonah 1:4-10. How did Jonah's disobedience affect the sailors traveling on the boat with him? How did these storms change the sailors' view of Jonah's God?
4. Read Jonah 1:17-2:1. Why did Jonah believe that throwing him overboard would solve the storm problem?
5. Read Matthew 12:40. Why does Jesus compare Himself to Jonah?
6. What truth from this study will you think about and try to apply throughout the coming week?