To Run From God

Scripture Reading: Jonah 1:3

Like Jonah, what makes us run from God?

Fear and Anger

Nineveh is east, <u>towards</u> God's call. Tarshish is west, <u>away</u> from God's call.

Jonah's sin was the act of running away from God

Who else ran **from the presence of the Lord?**

- Genesis 3:8: Adam and Eve
- Genesis 4:16: Cain
- Job 1:12 and Job 2:7: <u>Satan</u>

Sin <u>separates</u> us from God:

Isa 59:2, Rom 3:23, Eph 2:1-3

All that is evil will be exposed: Luke 8:10, 1 Corinthians 4:5

No one can run or hide from God: Psalm 139:7-10, Jeremiah 23:24

When we <u>repent</u>, God <u>forgives</u>. Salvation is <u>free</u> for <u>all</u> who <u>believe</u>. Rom 6:23, 1 John 1:8-10, John 3:16

In the story of Jonah:

God commanded Jonah to proclaim His message of salvation to the gentiles of Nineveh, a city lost in sin.

In the same way:

God commissions us to proclaim His message of salvation to those who are lost in our world today.