

To Run From God

Scripture Reading: Jonah 1:1-2

Verse 1:

- Who is **Jonah**?
 - **Jonah** is one of the twelve minor prophets in the Old Testament. Through God, Jonah saved Nineveh, 120,000 people.
- Meaning of **Jonah**:
 - **Jonah** means **Dove**. Dove means a symbol of peace and traditionally has meant a sacrificial offering.
- Where is **Jonah**?
 - 2 Kings 14:25, Matthew 12:39-41 (Luke 11:29-32):
 - The New Testament has a parallel with the book of Jonah. Jesus refers to Jonah by using it as a metaphor for his death and resurrection.

How did God communicate with the prophets?

1. Dreams
2. Visions
3. Voice
4. Angels

Does God still communicate with us today? If yes, how?

1. The Word of God
2. Through Conviction
3. People

Verse 2:

- What is the meaning of "Arise" in Jonah?
 - "Arise" in the book of Jonah is to "get up" "rise" or literally to "Arise"
- What is the meaning of "Go" in the Jonah?
 - Go, in the context of Jonah, means to "walk", "go" or to "lead"

- Calling Out
 - Modern meaning of "calling out":
 - CRITICISM with, No forgiveness, No repentance ,
No restoration
- Biblical meaning of "calling out":
 - Calling Upon / Appeal / crying out,
 - Allows for Repentance, Forgiveness, Restoration
- Evil has Come Up
 - What does "evil has come up" signify in the context of Nineveh?
 - Bad things are happening in Nineveh.
 - God's attention is on Nineveh
- God's Call to Action
 - We are saved by grace through faith in Christ; We are called to go because of this.

What does God call us to “go” and do:

1. make disciples
2. Share the good news of the gospel,
3. baptize believers
4. Love God, Love People