



Caught on the Run

Week of May 15th

Jonah 1:4-16

Jonah foolishly thought he could run from God, but God sends an intense storm to thwart his escape. Ironically, the pagan sailors Jonah is sailing with demonstrate a greater fear of God and show more interest in saving lives than Jonah does. What a tragedy it would be for the followers of Christ today if those outside the church show greater compassion for people than we do.

1. Read Jonah 1:4. Jonah was on the run after God had called him to bring the message of repentance to Nineveh. But Jonah doesn't get very far before God pursues him with a wild storm. God is willing to rock our world to get our attention. How have you experienced God's pursuit of you to draw you closer to Him?
2. Read Jonah 1:5-6. The unbelieving sailors are praying and trying to save lives, while the prophet of God is checked out doing nothing.
 - Can you think of examples where unbelievers seem more concerned with the well being of others than believers do?
 - As Christ-followers we should be the greatest advocates for loving and caring for all people. In what ways do you think we as believers can better demonstrate God's love to the world?
3. Read Jonah 1:7-10. When the lot fell on Jonah and the sailors asked him for an explanation, Jonah says that he fears God, the One who created the sea and the land. But it's quite confusing and terrifying to the sailors that he says he fears God and yet he's disobeying and running from God. In what ways do you think the world around us could be confused by contradictions they see in the lives of Christians?
4. Read Jonah 1:11-16. Even in Jonah's disobedience, God still uses his life to bring these pagan sailors to saving faith.
 - How do you think Jonah felt about the compassion of the sailors, who, rather than throw him overboard, try to get the boat to dry land (vs. 13)?
 - Can you think of an example from your life, or someone you know, where God worked in spite of you and your brokenness?
5. Instead of running from God, how can you intentionally draw near to Him this summer? If you don't already have a plan for your time with God, consider reading through the gospels this summer and learning from the life of Christ. (See the Deeper Study). How can you encourage one another in your walk with Jesus during our Community Group break over the summer?

NOTES:

OTHER RESOURCES

READY TO GO DEEPER?

Studying the Life of Christ

This is the last Community Group guide until we start groups back up in the Fall. What if you spent the summer learning from the life of Jesus? Here's some questions to consider as you read through the gospels...

- What was it about Jesus that drew people to Him?
 - What surprised people about Jesus?
- What do you notice about His words to various groups of people?
 - What were His priorities?
- As you encounter Jesus in the gospels, praise Him for His character and ask Him to make you more like Himself.

Consider watching "[The Chosen](#)" (series on the life of Christ), as you study through the gospels.

Day 1: Matt 1	Day 24: Matt. 24	Day 46: Luke 2	Day 68: Luke 24
Day 2: Matt. 2	Day 25: Matt. 25	Day 47: Luke 3	Day 69: John 1
Day 3: Matt. 3	Day 26: Matt. 26	Day 48: Luke 4	Day 70: John 2
Day 4: Matt. 4	Day 27: Matt. 27	Day 49: Luke 5	Day 71: John 3
Day 5: Matt. 5	Day 28: Matt. 28	Day 50: Luke 6	Day 72: John 4
Day 6: Matt. 6	Day 29: Mark 1	Day 51: Luke 7	Day 73: John 5
Day 7: Matt. 7	Day 30: Mark 2	Day 52: Luke 8	Day 74: John 6
Day 8: Matt. 8	Day 31: Mark 3	Day 53: Luke 9	Day 75: John 7
Day 9: Matt. 9	Day 32: Mark 4	Day 54: Luke 10	Day 76: John 8
Day 10: Matt. 10	Day 33: Mark 5	Day 55: Luke 11	Day 77: John 9
Day 11: Matt. 11	Day 34: Mark 6	Day 56: Luke 12	Day 78: John 10
Day 12: Matt. 12	Day 35: Mark 7	Day 57: Luke 13	Day 79: John 11
Day 13: Matt. 13	Day 36: Mark 8	Day 58: Luke 14	Day 80: John 12
Day 14: Matt. 14	Day 37: Mark 9	Day 59: Luke 15	Day 81: John 13
Day 15: Matt. 15	Day 38: Mark 10	Day 60: Luke 16	Day 82: John 14
Day 16: Matt. 16	Day 39: Mark 11	Day 61: Luke 17	Day 83: John 15
Day 17: Matt. 17	Day 40: Mark 12	Day 62: Luke 18	Day 84: John 16
Day 18: Matt. 18	Day 41: Mark 13	Day 63: Luke 19	Day 85: John 17
Day 19: Matt. 19	Day 42: Mark 14	Day 64: Luke 20	Day 86: John 18
Day 20: Matt. 20	Day 43: Mark 15	Day 65: Luke 21	Day 87: John 19
Day 21: Matt. 21	Day 44: Mark 16	Day 66: Luke 22	Day 88: John 20
Day 22: Matt. 22	Day 45: Luke 1	Day 67: Luke 23	Day 89: John 21
Day 23: Matt. 23			

Outside our Walls

Woodmen U – Monday Funday

Looking for a way to Connect and Grow this summer?
We've got you covered!

We have a variety of fun groups and classes that are just a few weeks long. Some start as early as June 7th and others start later throughout the summer. If you choose a group / class that's a longer offering, feel free to miss a week or two, because hey, it's summer!

And 6 Monday evenings throughout the summer will feature live music, "Coffee and Conversations", and even a Story Night in 1979 Coffee.

Childcare is available for classes and "Evenings in 1979" (Registration required for childcare).

Check out the options and register here...

www.woodmenvalley.org/woodmenU

DIVE IN ON YOUR OWN TO GET READY FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Saved by Grace

Jonah 1:17-2:10