

WHAT'S EATING JONAH?

Lesson One • Jonah 1

"You Can Run, But You Can't Hide!"

*Are our hearts consumed with fulfilling the great commission?
or*

Are our hearts being eaten away by apathy, materialism, prejudice, pride?

1. LIKE JONAH WE OFTEN RUN FROM OBEYING THE GREAT COMMISSION.

- We run from our **RESPONSIBILITY** to represent God. (1:1-3, 10)

- We run from **ACCOUNTABILITY** to personally obey God and fulfill His commission. (1:3-12; 3:2)

What Happens When We Run?

- 1) We run in the **OPPOSITE** direction of obedience.

- 2) We run **DOWN** into greater disobedience.

- 3) We run in **REBELLION** against God!

2. LIKE JONAH WE OFTEN RUN FROM THE GREAT COMMISSION BECAUSE WE LACK GREAT COMPASSION!

Why Do We Lack Great Compassion?

- We love **OURSELVES** more than we love God and people!

- We **FEAR** people more than we fear God! (1:5, 9-10, 16)

- We **LOVE** people less than God loves them! (4:2-3)

3. WE CAN RUN, BUT WE CAN'T HIDE FROM OBEYING THE GREAT COMMISSION WITH GREAT COMPASSION!

- We can't hide from the **COMPASSION** of the Lord! (1:4-5)

- We can't hide from the **CRIES** of the lost! (1:6-11)

- We can't hide from the **CONSEQUENCES** of running! (1:12-17)

When we try to run from our commission to reach the world, we will only run into the discipline of our sovereign and compassionate God!

*We will reap what we sow: God's **DISCIPLINE!***

*The lost are left to reap what they sow: God's **WRATH!***

WHERE IS YOUR HEART THIS MORNING?

Is it Nineveh where God has sent you to show compassion?

or

Is it in Tarshish where you have run away in disobedience?



**STOP RUNNING and LET GOD TURN YOUR HEART
BACK to
HIS GREAT COMMISSION with GREAT
COMPASSION!**