Jonah 1:1-3

Jonah

"The word of the Lord that came to Joel, the son of Pethuel." (Joel 1:1)

"Knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit." (2 Peter 1:20–21)

"And if you say in your heart, 'How may we know the word that the Lord has not spoken?'— when a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, if the word does not come to pass or come true, that is a word that the Lord has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously. You need not be afraid of him." (Deuteronomy 18:21–22)

"In the fifteenth year of Amaziah the son of Joash, king of Judah, Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel, began to reign in Samaria, and he reigned forty-one years. And he did what was evil in the sight of the Lord. He did not depart from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, which he made Israel to sin. He restored the border of Israel from Lebo-hamath as far as the Sea of the Arabah, according to the word of the Lord, the God of Israel, which he spoke by his servant Jonah the son of Amittai, the prophet, who was from Gath-hepher. For the Lord saw that the affliction of Israel was very bitter, for there was none left, bond or free, and there was none to help Israel. But the Lord had not said that he would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven, so he saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash." (2 Kings 14:23–27)

Nineveh

"The bloody city, all full of lies and plunder." (Nahum 3:1)

"For upon whom has not come your unceasing evil?" (Nahum 3:19)

Disobedience

"The lion has roared; who will not fear? The Lord God has spoken; who can but prophesy?" (Amos 3:8)

"Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?...If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me." (Psalm 139:7, 9–10)

God

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." (Matthew 3:2)

"From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." (Matthew 4:17)

"And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment." (Hebrews 9:27)

Notes		

Discuss

- What do you have in common with Jonah, and what do you have in common with the Ninevites?
- Why do you disobey God, even though he's omnipresent (everywhere) and just?
- Who are the people in your life who God may want to use you to communicate the gospel to?

Read

Genesis 12:1-3; Nahum 1-3; Matthew 12:38-42; 16:1-4; Luke 11:29-32

Pray

- Pray that the Holy Spirit will help you to remember the reality of the coming just judgment of God.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will help you to think rightly about God and live in a way consistent with who he is.

Announcements

- Youth Parents' Lunch: Wednesday at 6:30pm
- Exploring Membership: Saturday, May 7 from 8:00am–12:00pm
- VBS Volunteers Needed: Talk to Alisha Corbet
- Children's Ministries Volunteers Needed: Talk to Dawn McHargue