**WEEK 1 | JONAH 1 | RUNNING FROM GOD**

**GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

Discuss a time in your life when you ran from God. What was He calling you to? Why did you run? Did you really believe you could run from Him?

Do you believe the “great fish” was real, or a myth or parable? Read Genesis 1:1, Psalm 33:6-9, and Hebrews 11:3. How do these Scriptures enlighten your view?

Have you ever had a time like Jonah when you didn’t want to share God’s message (the Good News) with someone? What led to this attitude and how did you overcome it?

Notice how the sailors’ attitudes differ from Jonah’s; they were concerned about Jonah’s well-being when instructed to throw him overboard, whereas Jonah wasn’t concerned about the Ninevites’.

How can we ensure we stand out as Christians and have the type of compassion God calls us to for all people?