

RESISTING GOD'S PLAN

Life Group Discussion:

Icebreaker: If you could go anywhere on a boat cruise, where would you go? Why?

Read Jonah 1:1-6.

1. How does Jesus using Jonah in Matthew 12:39-41 add historical reality and prophetic significance to the book of Jonah?

2. What is fitting and surprising about God's command in verse 2?

3. Why do you think Jonah wanted to run away, and what do you suppose he hoped to accomplish?

4. Nineveh was the capitol of Assyria. What context do the following verses give to God's command to help us understand Jonah's reluctance: Isaiah 7:20 & 10:6?

5. What is a "Nineveh" in your life that is difficult for you (perhaps a difficult person, unfriendly place, unpleasant job, unresolved situation, etc.)? How have you avoided God in this situation?

6. Have you ever been caught in a storm traveling? How about a "storm" of events that threatened to undo you? Share these times with your group.