



**Jonah:** reluctant prophet of God/name means “Dove.”  
**Amittai:** means truth. Jonah was the son of truth.  
**Nineveh:** Capital city of Assyria, Israel's worst enemy, treated enemies brutally.

## Jonah at Home Week 1: “The Jonah In Us”

1 “Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, 2 “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil<sup>[a]</sup> has come up before me.” 3 But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish. So he paid the fare and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the LORD.” **Jonah 1:1-3**

### **Discovery Questions:**

What seems reasonable and surprising about God’s command (v2)? About Jonah’s response?

Why did God tell Jonah to go and preach judgment to the Ninevites? How do you think Jonah felt about the Ninevites? Why do you think he refused to take God’s message to them? What is it that usually keeps you from doing something that God wants you to do?

What was foolish about Jonah’s belief that he could flee from God (v3)? In what ways can you relate to Jonah’s disobedience? What do you think Jonah was thinking as he fled to Tarshish?



### **Group Connection:**

**God will often ask you to do things you don't want to do.** What are some things that God asks us to do, in the Bible, that seem unreasonable or difficult to obey?

**In his mind, Jonah had legitimate reasons for not wanting to preach to the Ninevites.** Describe a time when you disobeyed God's direction and faced the consequences. Share something God asked you to do that you didn't want to do, but you did. What was the result? Who or what is currently the Nineveh in your life?

**You can always find a boat sailing in the wrong direction.** In your spiritual life, which direction are you running: towards God, away from God, with God, or behind God? Share a time when you thought you could ignore or run from God. Where did you end up? What does our running from God reveal about our concept of God?

### **Personal Meditation:**

What is God asking you to do that you don't want to do? In what way are you running from God? What do you need to surrender and what attitudes do you need to change in order to be obedient to God? What steps will you take to be obedient? Choose someone this week to share with about your steps to obedience and ask them to hold you accountable.

