

Minor Prophets
Gail Arterburn –2022-2023

Monday, 9:30 – 11:00 am
To be discussed –10/30/23

Jonah - Lesson 1
Jonah 1:1-16

1. Read Jonah 1:1-3. What two specific things did God tell Jonah to do? Why? What does this tell you about God's concern for all people?
2. How did Jonah respond? What does this tell you about Jonah?
3. Read Matt. 28:18-20, Acts 1:8. What is your response to Jesus' great commission? Would you say you are on the road to Tarshish or Nineveh? What does this tell you about yourself?
4. How willing are you to live your life according to what God says even when it doesn't seem reasonable or desirable to you?
5. Read Jonah 1:4-16. How did God respond to Jonah's disobedience? What does this tell you about God?
6. What effect did Jonah's sin have on others? What does this teach you about the nature and consequences of sin?
7. When confronted by the sailors, what true testimony about God did Jonah give? (v. 9) Is correct knowledge of God enough? (See also 1 Cor. 8:1-2, James 1:22-25, James 2:17-19, 1 John 2:3-6)
8. Jonah recognized he was the problem. Was he right in telling them to throw him overboard? Why or why not? What would have been a better solution?
9. There is a degree of irony in this chapter. Compare God's prophet Jonah to the pagan crew and their captain. Who had the greater fear of God?
10. According to verse 16, how was God glorified and his overall purpose accomplished on this boat in spite of his rebellious prophet?