

**1) Your storms reveal your gods. (4-6)**

Discuss this statement: *“Everyone is inherently religious, even if they won’t admit it.”*

What false gods do people run to when they are fearful? What false gods do you call out to when you are in crisis?

How well do you understand the differences between the God of the Bible and the god of Islam? What are the differences? What motivates Islamic terrorists?

**2) Your sin affects your companions. (7-10)**

**Questions for a fugitive from God**

**1. Do you know your sin is creating chaos for others?**

How have you been affected by the sin of others? How has your sin created chaos for others? Do you find it ironic that the pagan sailor is urging the Hebrew prophet to wake up and seek God? Has God ever used someone to awaken you to the urgency of prayer? Do you find yourself sleeping when you should be praying?

**2. Why aren’t you doing your job?**

What specific “jobs” has God given you? What excuses have you used for not doing your job?

**3. Have you forgotten where you came from?**

How good has God been to you in the past? How has God used you in the past? Talk about a time you remember the nearness of the presence of God. Do you miss that now?

**4. Why are you isolating yourself from community?**

Do you have a tendency to think you do not need community? Do you tend to operate independently? What shared history do you have with others? How have those experiences shaped your values? Do you think you can succeed alone? Who is going to help you when you are in a crisis? You are part of a community that has shaped you, knows you, and misses you.

**5. Have you forgotten who is depending on you?**

*Name every person you can think of who depends on you to be right with God.* What is at stake for them if you choose to run away from God?

**3) Your effort won’t solve your problem. (11-16)**

The default of the human heart is to save itself. What did the sailors do to show that they thought they could save themselves? What do you do when you forget the gospel and rely on your own strength?

Jonah would rather die than repent. Have you ever been so bent on disobeying God you would rather die than repent?

The sailors were unwilling to die for another man’s sin. Jonah thought that his death would divert the rage of God from the sailors. How does this reflect the gospel?

What affect did the mercy of God have on the sailors?

How does continually reminding yourself of the sacrificial death produce worship in you?

**Additional Scripture**

- Psalms 107:23-32
- Acts 14:14-18
- Titus 3:5-7
- Romans 5:7-11
- Roman 3:21-31
- Galatians 1:4
- 1Cor. 15:3
- Hebrews 7:27
- Hebrews 9:26