

RELUCTANT

A STUDY OF JONAH

Facing Down Reluctance

Jonah 1

Reluctance surfaces when faced with a difficult assignment.

Reluctance starts a downward spiral into self-absorption.

Application:

1. What is your Nineveh?

2. What is your next step?

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My Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

1. Define reluctance. Explain a time in your life when you had an opportunity or difficult assignment. What did you do?
2. By refusing to obey God, what was Jonah doing? See Jonah 1: 3, 10. Can a believer disobey God and continue to maintain a close relationship with Him?
3. Contrast Jonah's confession of faith (vs. 9) with the actions of the pagan sailors. Now explore the relationship with words and deeds in James 2:18-19 and Matthew 21:28-32.
4. What is your Nineveh? Why are you reluctant to take your next step? Ask the group to pray for courage as you say "yes" to Jesus.

Memory Verse

*"He answered, 'I am a Hebrew and I worship the Lord,
the God of heaven, who made this sea and the land.' "*

Jonah 1: 9