

**SVQ Guide Week 1**  
**Jonah 1:1-6, Intro**  
**Scripture, Video, Questions (SVQ)**

**Session 1 SVQ**

- Read Jonah 1:1-6
- Video Teaching
- Leader Wisdom
- Questions
  - **LEADERS:** There's no pressure to get through all the questions, we suggest prayerfully planning your choices for your group. Your leadership of sharing and questioning will determine how deep your group goes with each question.
  - **What do you know about Jonah as a prophet?**
  - **What struck you through the years about the book of Jonah and what do you remember most about the account of the prophet?**
  - **Without going through the book yet, what parallels can be drawn between Jonah's experience and those of other biblical figures or accounts?**

**Session 2 SVQ**

- Read Jonah 1:1-3
- Video Teaching
- Leader Wisdom
- Questions
  - **LEADERS:** There's no pressure to get through all the questions, we suggest prayerfully planning your choices for your group. Your leadership of sharing and questioning will determine how deep your group goes with each question.
  - **Why did Jonah choose to flee from God's command to go to Nineveh?**
    - (Jonah may have feared the Assyrians in Nineveh or harbored animosity toward them, as they were known enemies of Israel. He might have also been concerned about his own safety or reputation as a prophet if his message was rejected.)
  - **How did Jonah's decision to flee from God's presence affect those around him, including the sailors on the ship?** (Jonah's disobedience led to a storm that endangered the lives of everyone on board.)
  - **What do Jonah's actions reveal about his understanding of God's sovereignty and his role as a prophet?** (Jonah's decision to flee suggests a lack of faith in God's ability to protect and guide him, as well as a reluctance to fulfill his prophetic calling. It reflects a desire to evade God's authority and control over his life, demonstrating a rebellious spirit and a flawed understanding of God's character.)
  - **How does Jonah's experience in fleeing from God's presence serve as a cautionary account for believers today?** (Jonah's story warns against the consequences of disobedience and the futility of trying to escape from God's presence. It reminds believers of the importance of surrendering to God's will)

and trusting in His guidance, even when faced with difficult or uncomfortable circumstances. It also highlights the need for repentance and humility in acknowledging our shortcomings and seeking God's forgiveness and direction.)

### Session 3 SVQ

- Read Jonah 1:4-6
- Video Teaching
- Leader Wisdom
- Questions
  - **LEADERS:** There's no pressure to get through all the questions, we suggest prayerfully planning your choices for your group. Your leadership of sharing and questioning will determine how deep your group goes with each question.
  - **How do the sailors' actions in response to the storm reflect their beliefs about divine intervention, and how does Jonah's behavior contrast with theirs?** (The sailors respond to the storm with frantic efforts to save the ship, including crying out to their gods and throwing cargo overboard. Their actions suggest a belief in divine intervention and a desperate attempt to appease the gods. In contrast, Jonah's behavior of sleeping peacefully in the midst of the storm may reflect his resignation to God's judgment or a sense of detachment from the situation.)
  - **What is the significance of the captain finding Jonah asleep, and how does Jonah's behavior affect the sailors' perceptions of him?** (The captain finding Jonah asleep may symbolize Jonah's spiritual apathy or indifference to the danger facing the ship. His apparent lack of concern contrasts sharply with the urgency of the situation and may lead the sailors to view him with suspicion or resentment. Jonah's behavior may undermine their trust in him as a passenger and raise questions about his motives or character.)
  - **How do the sailors' actions of casting lots to determine the cause of the storm illustrate their desperation and faith in divine guidance?** (The sailors' decision to cast lots reflects their desperation to identify the cause of the storm and their belief in divine guidance or intervention. By leaving the outcome to chance or fate, they demonstrate a willingness to accept whatever verdict arises, trusting that it will reveal the source of their misfortune. This action underscores their recognition of a higher power at work and their desire to discern and rectify the situation according to divine will.)
  - **What does Jonah's confession of his identity and background reveal about his character and motives, and how do the sailors respond to this revelation?** (Jonah's confession of being a Hebrew and his acknowledgment of fleeing from the presence of the Lord indicate his awareness of his disobedience and guilt. His admission suggests a sense of responsibility for the storm and a willingness to face the consequences of his actions. The sailors' reaction to Jonah's revelation may range from shock to anger or fear, as they begin to realize the gravity of the situation and the potential implications of harboring a fugitive from God's judgment.)