

Mission Mindset Quiet Time Series

January- The Call to the Mission

Week 5: Jonah

Jonah 1:1-3

- Nineveh was a powerful gentile city that would have been viewed as a political and military threat by the Israelites and Jonah was a prophet during a very patriotic and nationalistic time in Israel's history. God calls Jonah to go to Nineveh and preach, and he runs the opposite direction.
 - *Why do you think Jonah ran away from his calling?*
 - *What about God's calling can scare us today?*
 - *What are the reasons why you want to run away from God's calling to the Lehigh Valley Mission Team?*

Jonah 2:10-3:10

- A great storm stops the ship that Jonah is fleeing on and Jonah confesses that it is his fault they are facing a storm because he is running away from God and he makes them throw him overboard.
- Jonah is swallowed by a great fish rather than drowning in the storm and the fish vomits Jonah onto the shores of Nineveh and God calls him a second time.
- This time he listens, having all the same obstacles and fears as before, and now also smelling like fish vomit, he begins to preach, and in 1 day the entire city repents.
 - *What are all the reasons Jonah had to feel insecure as he went into Ninevah?*
 - *What are the reasons why Satan tells you that you can't make a difference?*
 - *If God could change an entire city through 1 man, who didn't want to be there, was an enemy of the state, was all alone, and smelled like fish vomit, what is God able to do through 30 faithful disciples?*

God's calling for each one of our lives is not without a powerful purpose. Our sinful natures naturally make us afraid of trusting God's calling, but God has an INCREDIBLE plan for each of our lives if we are willing to trust and answer the call.

This week, focus on dreaming for what God can do through your faith in Lehigh.