

Life Interrupted: Reluctant Prophet, Relentless God

A Reality Check

July 16, 2023

Notes

Questions for Personal Reflection and Group Discussion

1. Read *Jonah 1:17-2:10*.

As you read, write down all of the words that Jonah uses to describe how he's feeling or what he's experiencing.

Can you identify with Jonah? In what ways?

Jonah's act of rebellion against God shows that Jonah wasn't really worshipping God. What was Jonah worshipping instead?

What does Jonah say about those who worship false gods?

False gods in our culture aren't idols made of wood, stone, or metal. What kind of false gods exist in our world? What false gods might there be in your life?

What consequences have you experienced as a result of prioritizing other things over your relationship with God?

2. Read *Proverbs 3:11-12* and *Hebrews 12:5-11*.

How have you experienced the discipline of God, and what positive results have you experienced from it?

3. Read *1 Kings 8:38-40*.

What does King Solomon ask of God in these verses?

What does the Temple symbolize for the people of Israel?

How does this story illustrate the truths of the gospel?

In what part of your life do you need to choose to turn toward God and live in greater alignment with His plan for you?