

Going Down

OPENING QUESTION

Describe a bad vacation you've experienced sometime in the past.

READ **Jonah 1:1–17.**

1. When have you run from God?

- A. When I was afraid I wouldn't be able to do what I wanted to do.
- B. When God wanted me to go someplace I didn't want to go.
- C. When God convicted me to do something I didn't want to do.
- D. During an altar call.
- E. When I was around a bunch of heathens.
- F. When I was with a bunch of church people.
- G. When I tried to find myself instead of what others wanted me to be.
- H. I've never run from God.
- I. Other.

2. Where is a good place to hide from God?

- A. Somewhere that is very, very dark.
- B. Wherever worldly people gather.
- C. Inside a theater.
- D. At church.
- E. Staying super busy.
- F. Someplace that is quiet.
- G. Anywhere that's noisy.
- H. Social media.
- I. Other.

3. What causes people to "fear for their lives"?

- A. Whatever is the current threat in the news cycle.
- B. When anyone pulls a gun.
- C. Earthquakes, tornados, hurricanes, fires, or floods.
- D. The dark.
- E. Losing their financial security.
- F. God.
- G. Uncertainty regarding eternal life.
- H. Police (or lack of police).
- I. Other.

4. What was Jonah's testimony?

- A. I want to see the world.
- B. I've got nothing to say.
- C. I worship the God of heaven, the sea, and the dry land.
- D. All of you should be more like me.
- E. Give your life to God right now.
- F. I'm here as a representative for God.
- G. Will you forgive me?
- H. I have no right to even give a testimony right now.
- I. Other.

5. What do the prayers in this chapter reveal?

- A. Pagans pray more than Jonah does.
- B. Desperate situations lead people to pray.
- C. There's more than one reason to pray.
- D. The exact formula isn't that important.
- E. God doesn't answer all prayers the same.
- F. Pray, but still take action yourself.
- G. Prayer is the only thing you can really do.
- H. Prayer works.
- I. Other.

6. What do your prayers reveal?

- A. Not much.
- B. I have lots of needs and wants.
- C. I have lots of wants.
- D. I tend to pray more when there's an emergency.
- E. My prayers are more about me than about others.
- F. I do a lot of listening rather than talking.
- G. My prayer life stinks.
- H. I hardly ever listen when I talk to God.
- I. Other.

7. What does God want you to do that you might not want to do?

8. What testimony do you have for strangers? for friends?