

REVERSALS:

Pursuing Alignment with God

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Summary

As we begin our study of Jonah we will trace out several matters related to reversals, the changes we need to make in order to align with God and his will. At any given moment every one of us can identify some areas of our lives that are not aligned with God. Each day offers opportunity to course correct for God's glory and our own good. At the end of the day, however, we see that the reversals we pursue are dependent on the great reversal God worked in our lives through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Reflection Questions:

1. Review the people referenced in Jonah 1. What do you learn about God? What do you learn about Jonah? What do you learn about the sailors?
2. In light of the reputation that the Ninevites had, how might you have reacted if God wanted you to go to them? Is there a country or group in our current day you would be concerned to go and talk to about Jesus? Is there someone in your personal life you struggle to point to Christ? Why or why not?
3. It is the sailors who surprisingly show an encouraging reversal when they choose to fear and worship God. What is surprising about that?
4. In what area(s) of your life do you need to (or currently are) pursue a change? Why is that area a concern to you? What specifically needs to change? How would such a change glorify God and be good for you?
5. What Scripture encourages you in your pursuit of change in your life?
6. How does the truth that God worked the greatest reversal for you in Christ encourage you as you pursue other changes?
7. What has changed in the way you think and/or want to live as a result of your study and this discussion?
8. Spend some time in prayer related to the reversals you are pursuing.

Introduction:

We all can identify something in our life where we are failing in some way. By doing something we shouldn't or by not doing something that we should we find ourselves in need of making a complete 180 degree turn in our life. The good news is that God is all too happy to help in those reversals and repairs you need to see in your life. In chapter 1 we will specifically look at the reversals (or lack thereof) in the lives of Jonah and the sailors.

Notes:**Personal Application**

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