



## **Freedom**

**Main Scripture:** Jonah 1:1-5

**Additional Scriptures:** Jn 108:36; Gal 5:1; 1 Jn 1:9

### **Discussion Questions**

In the movie *Braveheart*, William Wallace opposes the iron-fisted rule of England in order to defend the rights of freedom for Scotland. He courageously leads the men into battle with their hearts fixed on freedom. The opposite is true of Jonah. In the first chapter of Jonah, we see him fleeing instead of preaching against the city of wickedness.

- What did God ask Jonah to do and why?
- How does Jonah respond to God's direction?
- What do you recognize in Jonah's character that seems to prevent him from obeying?
- Do you struggle with the same problem? If so, give an example.

*You need to check and see if you have a Jonah on board*

- What do you notice about the sailors on the boat before Jonah boarded?
- What about the Captain? What is his response to the violent storm?
- What does the crew assume about Jonah when turbulence occurs?

*People are watching what you do*

- When it comes to the boat of your life, what's on your boat? Who has influence?
- How do you respond when trouble hits? Do you look inward or outward?
- What lesson is God revealing to us in this story?

*Jonah wasn't a bad guy; he was a good guy just in the wrong place*

- What is Jonah's main spiritual gift?
- How can we be more intentional about evangelism? What ideas or ways have you experienced that really made a difference?