

Summer at Highlands

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Big Idea

God has a plan for all of us! In fact, God not only desires you to be on His mission, you are God's mission. We don't serve a God who is distant and far off; we serve a God who is close and calls us His own.

Let's Talk

1. Where are you going? We saw in this message the example of Jonah running away from God. He was called by God to go to Nineveh, but instead he ran away toward Tarshish. Have you ever run from something God told you to do? Sometimes the voice of God is not an audible plea (though that might be helpful sometimes if it were...), but the call He makes is clear! Is there something God is calling you to do that you are ignoring or running away from? How can your group help you rise to the call?

2. Bigger than my problems. Jonah faces several problems on his trip toward Tarshish. From bad storms to being thrown overboard to landing in the belly of a fish, Jonah experiences some difficult situations. But even as Jonah runs from God, he can't outrun God. Even in the belly of a fish, God is there. Even in the depths of your pain and despair, God is there.

"I am the Lord God. I am merciful and very patient with my people. I show great love, and I can be trusted." Exodus 34:6

What does it look like when we trust God's plan, even in difficult times?

Remember, He is bigger than our issues and is here to show us great love.

Reflect & Respond

What would you do for God if you knew you could not fail? We do not have all the answers and there are times in our lives when we don't know which way to turn. But we serve a God who is able to do exceedingly more than we can imagine and that same God sees you (yes, YOU!) as an integral part of His plan for the world. Consider what God is calling you to do today and in the next season. Take some time this week to pray and ask God to show you the path He would have you walk. Then, when He shows you the path, start walking!