

Week 22: Flight Risk (Part 3 of 3)

June 8th – Don't Run From God

This is the last week of our semester, and the final week of our Flight Risk series. In a broad way this semester we've been educating our students about various aspects of a healthy Christian life. We began with a series about Jesus, and then talked about Baptism, Spiritual Restoration, Worship, and Community. For the most part these series have been educational- the goal of this last series is to push our students to act on what they have learned. All of have a call from God on our life, in fact we have many. As Christians we are called to love God and to love those around us. As Christian students we are called to be an example of Jesus to the people around us. God also calls us as individuals to do specific things though. He may call us to a specific place or to a specific job, or his call may be for you to stay exactly where you're at. In the sermon we'll be looking at the book of Jonah, in which a man fights as hard as he can to avoid the specific instructions, or call, that God has given to him for his life.

Discussion Topics

Some of us may say that we would have no problem doing what God wants, we just don't know. Often we struggle to know what our "calling" is. It's rare that God shows a person the entirety of their calling all at once; rather he reveals it slowly over time as we continually put our faith in him by being faithful in the things that he has certainly called us all to do- to love him, and to love his children.

It's easy to fall into the trap of believing that God is in charge of our spiritual life, but we are in charge of everything else. We have one life to live, and when we become Christians we acknowledge that we don't know how to do any of it right by turning it over to God. Jesus doesn't leave us any room to trust him with our "spiritual life" and nothing else because our spiritual life can't be separated from our physical one. We are now subject to the call of God in all areas of our life, not just a few.

Discussion Questions

What do you think the call of God looks like on a person's life? What does it look like on your life? Do you think that you are being obedient to God's call? What happens if you are disobedient to it?

Do you sympathize with Jonah? Can you see yourself reacting in the way that he did? Why or why not? Do you ever find yourself trying to be obedient to God in one area but not another? Does your understanding of God's call include your whole life (spiritual, physical, emotional, financial, relational etc.), or just a few parts of it?