

JONAH

Recommended books for reading deeper during our series

Jonah is not only about a runaway prophet. It is about the God who pursues rebels, loves enemies, exposes our hearts, and invites us into His mercy.

START HERE

BEST OVERALL

Rediscovering Jonah

Timothy Keller

Accessible, gospel-centered, and convicting. A great first read for seeing Jonah as more than a fish story.

GROUP FRIENDLY

Jonah: Navigating a Life Interrupted

Priscilla Shirer

A practical study for anyone wrestling with obedience, interruption, surrender, and God's mercy.

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PASTORAL

Jonah: A Study in Compassion

O. Palmer Robertson

Short, pastoral, and rich in application. Especially helpful for reflecting on mercy toward people we would rather avoid.

REFLECTIVE

Under the Unpredictable Plant

Eugene H. Peterson

A reflective book for people in ministry and anyone facing the temptation to run from God's call.

FOR BIBLE STUDY + TEACHING

STUDY

Obadiah, Jonah and Micah

Daniel C. Timmer

A clear modern commentary with historical setting, structure, themes, and New Testament connections.

ADVANCED

Hosea-Jonah

Douglas Stuart

A more detailed commentary for teachers, leaders, and serious students who want to dig into the text.

FOR FAMILIES + STUDENTS

KIDS

The Jesus Storybook Bible

Sally Lloyd-Jones

Includes the Jonah story in a way that helps children see God's rescue, mercy, and bigger story.

FAMILIES

The Biggest Story Bible Storybook

Kevin DeYoung

Strong for family reading. It connects Bible stories to the whole story of Scripture with clarity and warmth.

How to use this list: pick one book, read Jonah slowly alongside it, and ask: Where am I running? Who am I resisting? What mercy of God do I need to receive and extend?

Note: These recommendations are meant to serve a wide range of readers. For newer readers, start with Keller or Shirer. For teachers and leaders, add Timmer or Stuart.