

## **Bible Reading Together during this Covid-19 Shutdown**

**May 23-29: Read Jonah 3-4 & 1 Thessalonians 3-4**

### **Jonah 3-4**

This is the famous story of Jonah trying to run away from the Lord. Try to read the whole story beginning chapter 1.

#### **Further Study & Discussion**

- Chapter 3 begins his ministry in Nineveh. What's the reason Jonah refused to come here in the first place? Observe his passionless message of judgment, but the surprising result. Who is doing all the work here?
- Jonah's anger is displayed in chapter 4. What's his complaint? And how does God address him?
- In what ways are we like Jonah in our lives? How do we try to manipulate God and attempt to force God into obeying our will?

### **1 Thessalonians 3-4**

Continuing the theme of Christ's second coming (like last week's Joel), Apostle Paul encourages the Thessalonian believers to prepare for Christ.

#### **Further Study & Discussion**

- Paul writes a heartfelt word in chapter 3, verse 7, "during all our distress and persecution we have been encouraged about you through your faith." Paul worried that the church would crumble without them, but they were vibrant. What did Paul learn about God through this? How do we apply this to our own lives?
- Paul writes the many ways we can prepare for Christ's coming in 8:1-12. Which ones stand out for you?