

Jonah Stinks; God Resolves

The Rebel Prophet, Part 2

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God's desire is that we would be encapsulated in His grace and moved towards His purpose.



1. Why does it often take desperate circumstances for God to really get our attention?

At times, in God's grace, He will purpose pain in order to perpetuate His plan.

Jonah 1:17-2:10



2. Read Jonah 2:1-7. According to 2:3, who threw Jonah into the sea? Now according to Jonah 1:15, who threw Jonah into the sea? How do you explain the apparent discrepancy?

1. Distance from God leads to destruction.

Jonah 2:3-6



3. What are some insights, questions, or things you identify with in Jonah's prayer?

4. Jonah "remembered" the Lord when he was feeling the consequence of his decision to run from God. How does remembering how God has been faithful to you in the past (v.7), bring you back to him when you feel distant?

2. God is not derailed by distance.

Jonah 2:1



5. Read Jonah 2:8-10. How have you seen God's salvation in the story of Jonah up to this point?



6. Jonah declares in v. 9 that he will fulfill his vow to God and start obeying no matter what he feels. What has God been asking you to do that you need to simply give in and declare, "What I have vowed I will make good"?

3. God desires to deliver distant people.

- Deliverance is not always clean.
- Deliverance is not always defined.
- God's deliverance is demonstrated.



7. How does faith that God has a purpose for your life and is always in control change your view of difficult situations?



8. Read Matthew 12:38-41. How did Jonah foreshadow Jesus? How did Jesus use the example of Jonah to explain what was to come in his own life?

4. God hears the cry of distant people and brings resolution.

Jonah 2:9



9. Break up into smaller groups of 23 men and women for this section. Jonah's consequence for disobeying God was to be thrown into the water and God provided a fish to save him. What is the "water" God is using in your life to get your attention? What has God used to discipline before? What is God using right now? What would you consider your "fish" to be today? What do you think God might be saying to you through this? Then pray for one another.



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