

JONAH, JESUS, AND US

Week 1: The Man, The Myth, The Legend – Part 1

Week 2: The Man, The Myth, The Legend – Part 2

Week 3: The Fish and the Folk Song

APPETIZER: We Found....Dory?

Is this a cartoon story, or a human story?

Where we've been:

- Jonah -- Dove, Son of faithfulness
- Nineveh – the great military city
- Boats and Sailors

DINE IN: The Fish and the Sea

- The Land and the sea
- Jonah and Yahweh

→ *Jonah writes a poem, surrounded by death, reaching back to new life.*

TAKE OUT: Notes from the Belly

Jonah 2: 1-11

*"I called to the Lord,
and he answered me."*

*"I called for help,
and you listened to my cry."*

"You hurled me into the depths..."

"You, Lord my God, brought my life up from the pit."

*(And the Lord commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry
land...LOL.)*

How's that song go again?

Matthew 12:38-41

- Power is **NOT** the way
- Religion is **NOT** the way
- Jesus **IS** the way:

→ repentance: turning the other way
→ response: honestly talking to God
→ reconciliation: moving towards love

→ *Jesus gives a warning (the sign of Jonah) to the religious people who
are leading people to death.*

Home Church Questions

HANGOUT [Warming Up to the Topic – in one Large Group]

1. Share any new thoughts or reflections on this story after Sunday. What stood out to you from the teaching?

HEAR [Listening to God through Scripture – in Discussion Groups]

2. Read **Jonah 2:1-11**.
 - a. What verse or idea stands out to you?
 - b. This is the first time since God commanded Jonah to go to Nineveh that we see Jonah respond in prayer. Discuss how our spiritual practices can be impacted when we no longer trust God's commands and are on the run from him.
 - c. What do you think about God "hurling Jonah into the depths" in verse 3? Do you think God would still do that to us today? Why or why not? Use Scripture to explain your position.
 - d. Throughout Jonah's prayer, he offers gratitude to the Lord. Read through the prayer and identify the specific things that Jonah is thankful for. Are these similar to the things you thank the Lord for in your prayers? Talk about why or why not.

HUDDLE [Making It Personal and Praying Together – in Huddles]

3. Have you ever been rescued by God from "the pit"? Share with your group if you have. What "pit" do you need rescue from today? How can your huddle support you and pray for you this week?

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