

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

Week 4: The Call & the Catch

APPETIZER: In review...

- Jonah & the boat
- Jonah & the sea
- Jonah & the City...

DINE IN: Fish & Chips (pt. 1)

- Nineveh: fish house/house of fish
- Assyria: the Empire
→ Judah, Lachish
- Might makes right
- Empires & Victims

2 Kings 14:23-25

TAKE OUT: The Long Walk Around the Lake

Jonah 3: 1-10

A Sermon in Five Words (worst sermon ever):

נהפכות: וניגור'ומוארבעיםעוד

What's missing?

Direction, call to change, mention of God specifically

And what happens!?

Expression of remorse → understanding → faith

The Gospel in 30 words

“Jesus is God with us, come to show us God's love, save us from sin, set up God's kingdom, and shut down religion, so we can share in God's life.”

- Jesus IS good news
- The gospel IS invitational
- The gospel IS transformational

HOMEWORK: Fish & Chips (pt. 2)...

- A community of invitation & hospitality with a message of grace

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 3:1-10**.
 - a. What verse or idea stands out to you?
 - b. Read verse 1-2. God is not afraid to tell us the exact same message again. Have you had this experience? Share a time when God repeatedly asked you to do something. What was it like? How did you respond?
 - c. The Ninevites responded immediately to the word of the Lord and began to mourn the ways they had missed the mark. Talk about what we can learn from this.
 - d. What was the evil and violence that the Ninevites needed to repent from? Have you ever had to call someone to change directions? To start moving towards the good? Has someone ever called that out in you? Share your stories of the good, the bad, and the ugly in calling others to repentance or being called to repentance.
 - e. The Ninevites had hope that the Lord was compassionate, even though Jonah did not say anything to them about the Lord relenting. Discuss why religious people sometimes have the tendency to emphasize vengeance instead of mercy in how they communicate.
 - f. Re-read the Gospel Cheat Sheet (available on our website and at the info table). Practice sharing the Gospel in 30 words and give each other helpful feedback in groups of 2 or 3.

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

3. Have you had a spiritual conversation with someone outside our church community –learning about their beliefs and sharing your own?