

## JONAH

Jonah 2

### MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

1. WHAT IS GRACE?
2. HOW DO YOU RECEIVE GRACE?
3. WHAT HAPPENS TO YOU WHEN YOU ENCOUNTER GRACE?

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – Pick one or two of these to talk about as a group

1. What stood out to you most from this week's message? Why?
2. Jonah's life is a realistic picture of spiritual growth. Spiritual growth isn't linear, we don't learn quickly, and we have to learn things again and again. How would you describe your own spiritual growth throughout your life?
3. Pastor Ryan described grace as *favor given to an undeserving person from an unobligated giver*. Then he defined it further saying that grace is *being let in relationally, even though you don't deserve it, by someone who is not obligated to let you in*. How do these definitions of grace compare to how you have viewed grace in the past? Is there anything about grace that you don't understand?
4. In order to receive grace we have to be aware of 1) the depth of our sin and 2) the height of God's love. Which of these is more difficult for you to see? What are some things that have helped you understand God's grace more in your life?
5. In Jonah 2:8, we see that "clinging to worthless idols" can lead to us forfeiting the grace that is available to us. Even though we don't worship hand-carved idols in our culture, we still have idols that we can worship by living our lives for them (i.e. success, wealth, approval, romantic love, beauty, etc.). Take some time to consider one surface level sin in your life and see if you can trace it back to the root. What is the "idol" in your heart that is leading to the surface level behavior?
6. When we encounter grace it will transform us from the inside out and it will radically change the way we view other people. We will be able to see that this grace is available to ANYONE. No one is a "less likely candidate" for grace than you are. Have you experienced this change to any degree in your life? Do you still have certain types of people that you see as less likely to receive God's grace?

**A TRUTH TO TAKE WITH YOU:** Jonah encountered God's grace in the belly of a fish. God is willing to lead us to deep, dark, desperate places if that's what it takes to help us encounter His grace.